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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The present addendum is issued in line with the requirement of step 3 of the three-step process developed by the Legal and Technical Commission for the identification of contractors that have responded insufficiently or incompletely, or failed to respond, to the calls from the Council to address issues identified by the Commission in relation to their contractual obligations.¹ It should be read in conjunction with documents [ISBA/30/C/2](#) and [ISBA/30/C/2/Add.1](#), which cover the periods up to 24 January and 31 May 2025, respectively.
2. During the second part of its thirtieth session, in line with the agreed procedure, the Legal and Technical Commission determined that the following contractors required continued attention regarding their performance and alignment with their contractual obligations: (a) UK Seabed Resources Ltd. I and II; (b) Marawa Research and Exploration Ltd.; and (c) Cook Islands Investment Corporation. Further information is provided in the report of the Chair of the Commission.²
3. The Council is invited to take note of the present report.

¹ [ISBA/29/LTC/5](#), appendix 1.

² [ISBA/30/C/4/Add.1](#).

