

**Congratulatory message by Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia
Sergey Lavrov to Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority
Leticia Carvalho on the occasion of the 30th anniversary session of
the Authority**

Dear Madam Secretary-General,

Please accept my sincere congratulations on the occasion of the 30th anniversary session of the International Seabed Authority.

Three decades of the Authority's fruitful work, endowed with the unique mandate of managing the common heritage of mankind, demonstrate the importance of international cooperation in the sustainable use of the resources of the World Ocean for the benefit of all humanity.

The Russian Federation, as one of the pioneering states, highly values the role of the International Seabed Authority in strengthening the regime established by the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and consistently supports the Authority's efforts aimed at the fair and responsible development of seabed resources beyond national jurisdiction.

Amid attempts to politicize the work of the International Seabed Authority, the Russian Federation steadfastly continues to support the goals and principles enshrined in the 1982 Convention, rightly called the "constitution of the oceans," and is convinced that international cooperation in the development of the resources of the deep seabed of the World Ocean should be based on the principles of justice, equality, and respect for the interests of all states, regardless of their geographical location or level of economic development, for the benefit of all humanity.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to assure you of Russia's firm intention to continue actively participating in the work of the Authority, taking into account the interests and needs of developing and least developed

countries, as well as standards in the field of environmental safety and protection.

I wish you, dear Madam Secretary-General, and all participants of the 30th session of the Authority, productive work, constructive discussions, and successful decisions for the benefit of present and future generations.

Please accept, Madam Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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