

Deep Sea Conservation Coalition intervention

Agenda Item 10. Preliminary strategy for the development of regional environmental management plans for the Area

Report of the Secretary-General (ISBA/24/C/3)

5 March 2018

Thank you Mr Chair and congratulations on your election

Thank the S/G for his report and welcome this transparency. We want to take this opportunity to underline the importance of the REMP process. We also support South African's intervention on the importance of integration of REMPs in the exploitation regulations and their observation that the support for that is clear in the Code Project report.

Mr Chair, we thank China for their initiative and look forward to the workshop in TsingDao. We also thank Australia for their intervention and support importance of broad invitations to stakeholders, as was also underlined by Singapore and others.

We also wish to underline the importance of REMPs to be in place for each area before any application for mining in that area is accepted.

Finally, in the interest of transparency, support Chile's suggestion that all workshops be reported on, in a side event, if possible.

Thank you, Mr. Chair

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