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Consideration, with a view to approval, of applications for a plan of work for exploration, if any

Draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to an application for approval of a plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules submitted by Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd.

The Council of the International Seabed Authority,

Acting on the recommendation of the Legal and Technical Commission,

Noting that, on 24 December 2018, an application for approval of a plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules was submitted to the Secretary-General in accordance with the regulations on prospecting and exploration for polymetallic nodules in the Area¹ by Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd., sponsored by Jamaica,

Recalling that, in accordance with paragraph 6 (a) of section 1 of the annex to the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982,² the processing of an application for approval of a plan of work for exploration shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Convention,³ including annex III thereto, and the Agreement,

Recalling also that, pursuant to article 153, paragraph 3, of the Convention and paragraph 6 (b) of section 1 of the annex to the Agreement, the plan of work for exploration shall be in the form of a contract concluded between the Authority and the applicant,

Taking note of the advisory opinion of the Seabed Disputes Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea of 1 February 2011,

1. *Takes note of the report and recommendations of the Legal and Technical Commission to the Council relating to an application for approval of a plan of work*

* Original dates. The meeting has been postponed sine die.

¹ ISBA/19/C/17, annex, and ISBA/19/A/12.

² General Assembly resolution 48/263, annex.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363.



for exploration for polymetallic nodules by Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd.,⁴ in particular paragraphs 33 to 37 thereof;

2. *Approves* the plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules submitted by Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd.;

3. *Requests* that the Secretary-General of the Authority issue the plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules in the form of a contract between the Authority and Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd. in accordance with the regulations.

⁴ [ISBA/26/C/22](#).