

Thank you President.

Distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen.

Japan Agency of Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) sincerely would like to thank you all for your kindness to approve the observer status of the agency.

Since establishment in 1971, JAMSTEC has been making huge amount of efforts toward a prosperity of ocean science and technology. For example, deep-sea submersible “Shinkai 6500” has contributed to advance the deep-ocean science. On the other hand, supercomputer “Earth Simulator” has recorded the world highest computing performance in 2003, and has provided a great deal of knowledge to various fields of earth science.

From 2014, JAMSTEC launched a research project aiming to contribute to deep-sea mineral resources developments. In March 2018, we organized a workshop in Tokyo to discuss on environmental impact assessment technology. Secretary General Mr. Michael Lodge kindly participated in the workshop and gave us invaluable advices. In this month, JAMSTEC explained our cutting-edge

environmental technologies at the headquarters of ISA. In addition, we held a side event in the last week to introduce our technologies.

JAMSTEC aims to make our technologies available to all parties expecting future development of seafloor mineral resources. Our approach is therefore in harmony with the philosophy of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that recognizes these resources as common heritage of mankind.

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen,

JAMSTEC promises that through our best available scientific knowledge, we will continuously contribute to the very important activities of the International Seabed Authority in the future.

Thank you, President.