



DOSI intervention #2

DR2 - Principles, approaches and policies - delivered 20 March 2024 by Beth Orcutt

Thank you, Mr. President.

Regarding DR2, DOSI supports the statements of many delegations in questioning moving elements and version of paragraph 3 into the suspense document. DOSI believes that references that Exploitation of mineral resources in the Area will not begin until the legal framework is adopted – underpinned by scientific evidence demonstrating effective protection of the Marine Environment, and with robust Standards and Guidelines – is an essential principle and policy relevant to this draft regulation. Without scientific evidence supporting proof of protection of the marine environment, we believe that exploitation would not be compliant with Article 145 of UNCLOS.

Thank you, Mr President.