

### **DOSI intervention #3**

#### **DR4 - Rights [and legitimate interests] of coastal states - Delivered by Patricia Esquete on 21/03/2024**

Thank you, Mr. President.

In paragraph 2, DOSI does not support the proposed deletion of the additional potential harmful effects. Those proposed effects, namely interference with ecological balance, including ecosystem structure, function and resilience, are in line with modern scientific understanding of the functioning of a healthy Marine Environment. Indeed, building on the language of article 145 by including a direct reference to ecosystem structure, function and resilience shows comprehensive language that depicts the current state of scientific knowledge and enables the use of more current management tools to ensure effective protection of the marine environment.

Thank you, Mr. President.