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Thank you Mr. President for allowing me the floor. I speak on behalf of Te Ipukarea Society who is associated with Maui Nui Makai Network and Maui Cultural Lands, we briefly like to clarify what we mean when we speak about intangible underwater cultural heritage related to draft reg 13 and draft reg 7

1. "Intangible cultural heritage" means the practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, skills – as well as the instruments, objects, artifacts and cultural spaces associated therewith – that communities, groups and, in some cases, individuals recognize as part of their cultural heritage.
2. Intangible cultural heritage shall be safeguarded by the Authority, contractors and States.
3. Indigenous Peoples and local communities have the right to maintain, control, protect and develop their cultural heritage.
4. Indigenous Peoples and local communities have the right to free, prior, and informed consent before any deep-sea mining project which may affect intangible cultural heritage.
5. Future generations have the right to inherit the same diversity in natural and cultural resources enjoyed by previous generations and to have equitable access to the use and benefits of these resources and in doing so, that no community faces a disproportionate share of environmental hazards.
6. A Committee on Intangible Cultural Heritage is established.

Mahalo Mr. President for the floor.