

DOSI intervention regarding item 10: Eighth Meeting of the informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment. Environmental Impact Assessment/Environmental Impact Statement

General remark on binding nature of content of EIAs

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Thank you Madam Facilitator,

We will be very short and technical.

DOSI would like to support the states who have indicated their preference for the content of the EIAs to be in a standard over a guideline. It is crucial for the content of EIAs to be binding so that a consistent approach to assessing environmental impacts can be adopted by all contractors. This enables better comparison of baseline data, which is paramount for monitoring purposes. Having a template in Standards will also help to ensure a level playing field for the assessment of the environmental impact statements.

Thank you