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### **Adoption of the budget of the International Seabed Authority**

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### **Budget of the International Seabed Authority**

## **Proposed budget for the International Seabed Authority for the financial period 2021–2022**

### **Report of the Secretary-General**

### **Revised addendum**

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## Proposed budgetary requirements for the International Seabed Authority for the period 2021–2022

(United States dollars)

| <i>Budget line</i>                                                   | <i>Approved for<br/>2019–2020</i> | <i>Proposed for 2021</i> | <i>Proposed for 2022</i> | <i>Total, 2021–2022</i> |
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| <b>Section 1. Administrative and conference services expenditure</b> |                                   |                          |                          |                         |
| Subsection 1. Administrative expenditure of the Secretariat          |                                   |                          |                          |                         |
| Established posts                                                    | 7 100 462                         | 3 595 000                | 3 700 000                | 7 295 000               |
| General temporary assistance                                         | 70 824                            | 35 000                   | 30 000                   | 65 000                  |
| Overtime                                                             | 57 128                            | 18 000                   | 18 000                   | 36 000                  |
| Consultants (non-programme)                                          | 30 000                            | 20 000                   | 20 000                   | 40 000                  |
| Common staff costs                                                   | 2 629 362                         | 1 810 000                | 1 850 000                | 3 660 000               |
| Training                                                             | 106 000                           | 65 000                   | 55 000                   | 120 000                 |
| Official travel (non-programme)                                      | 225 742                           | 90 000                   | 155 000                  | 245 000                 |
| BBNJ/Ocean Conference (2020)                                         | 60 000                            | 0                        | 0                        | 0                       |
| Communications                                                       | 156 658                           | 88 000                   | 89 600                   | 177 600                 |
| Library books and supplies                                           | 142 800                           | 42 000                   | 68 000                   | 110 000                 |
| External printing (20 per cent non-programme)                        | 23 252                            | 10 000                   | 10 000                   | 20 000                  |
| Supplies and materials                                               | 96 898                            | 50 000                   | 60 000                   | 110 000                 |
| Official hospitality                                                 | 31 662                            | 7 000                    | 7 000                    | 14 000                  |
| Information technology                                               | 69 938                            | 50 000                   | 53 000                   | 103 000                 |
| Acquisition of equipment and furniture and others                    | 176 000                           | 165 000                  | 65 000                   | 230 000                 |
| Redesign of the website of the Authority                             | 75 000                            | 0                        | 0                        | 0                       |
| Rental and maintenance equipment and furniture                       | 34 814                            | 21 155                   | 21 155                   | 42 310                  |
| United Nations common system                                         | 116 634                           | 90 000                   | 95 000                   | 185 000                 |
| Miscellaneous services and costs                                     | 91 573                            | 80 000                   | 85 000                   | 165 000                 |
| Audit fees                                                           | 34 440                            | 18 500                   | 19 000                   | 37 500                  |
| Building management                                                  | 744 123                           | 375 000                  | 377 000                  | 752 000                 |
| IPSAS/ERP                                                            | 80 000                            | 35 000                   | 20 000                   | 55 000                  |
| <b>Total, subsection 1</b>                                           | <b>12 153 310</b>                 | <b>6 664 655</b>         | <b>6 797 755</b>         | <b>13 462 410</b>       |
| Subsection 2, Cost of conference services                            |                                   |                          |                          |                         |
| United Nations staff salaries                                        | 18 800                            | 0                        | 0                        | 0                       |
| Printing and supplies                                                | 1 000                             | 1 000                    | 1 000                    | 2 000                   |
| Miscellaneous conference service costs                               | 94 000                            | 110 000                  | 110 000                  | 220 000                 |
| Travel for United Nations interpreters                               | 582 400                           | –                        | 0                        | 0                       |
| Rental of conference centre                                          | 106 800                           | 135 000                  | 140 000                  | 275 000                 |
| Temporary assistance (meetings)                                      | 105 400                           | 50 000                   | 50 000                   | 100 000                 |
| Rental of equipment                                                  | 6 000                             | 30 000                   | 30 500                   | 60 500                  |
| Local transportation                                                 | 5 600                             | 6 500                    | 6 500                    | 13 000                  |
| Reporting services                                                   | 0                                 | –                        | 0                        | 0                       |
| Interpretation services                                              | 910 000                           | 745 000                  | 750 000                  | 1 495 000               |
| Documentation                                                        | 1 231 400                         | 650 000                  | 650 000                  | 1 300 000               |
| Reception                                                            | 22 600                            | 15 000                   | 15 000                   | 30 000                  |
| <b>Total, subsection 2</b>                                           | <b>3 084 000</b>                  | <b>1 742 500</b>         | <b>1 753 000</b>         | <b>3 495 500</b>        |
| <b>Total, section 1</b>                                              | <b>15 237 310</b>                 | <b>8 407 155</b>         | <b>8 550 755</b>         | <b>16 957 910</b>       |

| <i>Budget line</i>                                                                                     | <i>Approved for<br/>2019–2020</i> | <i>Proposed for 2021</i> | <i>Proposed for 2022</i> | <i>Total, 2021–2022</i> |
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| <b>Section 2. Programme expenditure</b>                                                                |                                   |                          |                          |                         |
| Programme 2.1. Development of the regulatory framework for activities in the Area                      |                                   |                          |                          |                         |
| Consultants                                                                                            | 300 000                           | 115 000                  | 170 000                  | 285 000                 |
| Documentation and external printing                                                                    | 15 000                            | 5 000                    | 5 000                    | 10 000                  |
| Travel                                                                                                 | 50 000                            | 26 000                   | 34 770                   | 60 770                  |
| Workshops                                                                                              | 375 000                           | 70 000                   | 80 000                   | 150 000                 |
| <b>Total, programme 2.1</b>                                                                            | <b>740 000</b>                    | <b>216 000</b>           | <b>289 770</b>           | <b>505 770</b>          |
| Programme 2.2. Protection of the marine environment, including regional environmental management plans |                                   |                          |                          |                         |
| Consultants                                                                                            | 240 000                           | 160 000                  | 150 000                  | 310 000                 |
| External printing                                                                                      | 20 000                            | 10 000                   | 10 000                   | 20 000                  |
| Travel                                                                                                 | 24 000                            | 50 000                   | 65 000                   | 115 000                 |
| Workshops                                                                                              | 126 000                           | 90 000                   | 135 000                  | 225 000                 |
| <b>Total, programme 2.2</b>                                                                            | <b>410 000</b>                    | <b>310 000</b>           | <b>360 000</b>           | <b>670 000</b>          |
| Programme 2.3. Management of contracts                                                                 |                                   |                          |                          |                         |
| Consultants                                                                                            | 20 500                            | 32 000                   | 13 000                   | 45 000                  |
| External printing                                                                                      | 10 000                            | 5 000                    | 5 000                    | 10 000                  |
| Travel                                                                                                 | 32 000                            | 12 000                   | 25 000                   | 37 000                  |
| Workshops                                                                                              | 80 000                            | 9 100                    | 19 000                   | 28 100                  |
| <b>Total, programme 2.3</b>                                                                            | <b>142 500</b>                    | <b>58 100</b>            | <b>62 000</b>            | <b>120 100</b>          |
| Programme 2.4. Data management (resource and environment)                                              |                                   |                          |                          |                         |
| Consultants                                                                                            | 140 000                           | 70 000                   | 70 000                   | 140 000                 |
| External printing                                                                                      |                                   | 5 000                    | 5 000                    | 10 000                  |
| Travel                                                                                                 | 0                                 | 25 000                   | 32 000                   | 57 000                  |
| Workshops                                                                                              | 150 000                           | 60 000                   | 75 000                   | 135 000                 |
| Information technology                                                                                 | 0                                 | 30 000                   | 0                        | 30 000                  |
| Central data repository                                                                                | 0                                 | 0                        | 0                        | 0                       |
| Maintenance and support                                                                                | 83 000                            | 74 000                   | 74 000                   | 148 000                 |
| <b>Total, programme 2.4</b>                                                                            | <b>373 000</b>                    | <b>264 000</b>           | <b>256 000</b>           | <b>520 000</b>          |
| Programme 2.5. Promotion and encouragement of marine scientific research in the Area                   |                                   |                          |                          |                         |
| Consultants                                                                                            | 80 435                            | 75 000                   | 80 000                   | 155 000                 |
| External printing                                                                                      | 50 450                            | 8 000                    | 8 000                    | 16 000                  |
| Travel                                                                                                 | 76 505                            | 20 000                   | 37 000                   | 57 000                  |
| Workshops                                                                                              | 116 650                           | 70 000                   | 80 000                   | 150 000                 |
| Training                                                                                               | 100 000                           | 0                        | 0                        | 0                       |
| <b>Total, programme 2.5</b>                                                                            | <b>424 040</b>                    | <b>173 000</b>           | <b>205 000</b>           | <b>378 000</b>          |
| Programme 2.6. Outreach activities                                                                     |                                   |                          |                          |                         |
| Consultants                                                                                            | 60 000                            | 25 000                   | 25 000                   | 50 000                  |
| External printing                                                                                      | 59 000                            | 17 000                   | 17 000                   | 34 000                  |
| Travel                                                                                                 | 30 000                            | 20 000                   | 25 000                   | 45 000                  |
| Workshops                                                                                              | 90 000                            | 3 000                    | 10 000                   | 13 000                  |

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| Equipment                                                                       | 0                                 | 14 000                   | 0                        | 14 000                  |
| Training                                                                        | 0                                 | 5 000                    | 5 000                    | 10 000                  |
| <b>Total, programme 2.6</b>                                                     | <b>239 000</b>                    | <b>84 000</b>            | <b>82 000</b>            | <b>166 000</b>          |
| Programme 2.7. Regional environment management programmes                       |                                   |                          |                          |                         |
| Consultants                                                                     | 150 000                           | 0                        | 0                        | 0                       |
| External printing                                                               | 60 000                            | 0                        | 0                        | 0                       |
| Travel                                                                          | 60 000                            | 0                        | 0                        | 0                       |
| Workshops                                                                       | 400 000                           | 0                        | 0                        | 0                       |
| <b>Total, programme 2.7</b>                                                     | <b>670 000</b>                    | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>                |
| Programme 2.8. Capacity development and technical cooperation                   |                                   |                          |                          |                         |
| Consultants                                                                     | 0                                 | 15 000                   | 0                        | 15 000                  |
| External printing                                                               | 0                                 | 14 000                   | 11 500                   | 25 500                  |
| Travel                                                                          | 0                                 | 60 000                   | 70 000                   | 130 000                 |
| Workshops                                                                       | 0                                 | 80 000                   | 110 000                  | 190 000                 |
| <b>Total, programme 2.8</b>                                                     | <b>0</b>                          | <b>169 000</b>           | <b>191 500</b>           | <b>360 500</b>          |
| Programme 2.9. Mineral resources and mining technologies                        |                                   |                          |                          |                         |
| Consultants                                                                     | 0                                 | 50 000                   | 60 000                   | 110 000                 |
| External printing                                                               | 0                                 | 5 000                    | 5 000                    | 10 000                  |
| Travel                                                                          | 0                                 | 15 000                   | 40 000                   | 55 000                  |
| Workshops                                                                       | 0                                 | 70 000                   | 120 000                  | 190 000                 |
| <b>Total, programme 2.9</b>                                                     | <b>0</b>                          | <b>140 000</b>           | <b>225 000</b>           | <b>365 000</b>          |
| <b>Total, section 2</b>                                                         | <b>2 998 540</b>                  | <b>1 414 100</b>         | <b>1 671 270</b>         | <b>3 085 370</b>        |
| <b>Total, administrative, conference services and<br/>programme expenditure</b> | <b>18 235 850</b>                 | <b>9 821 255</b>         | <b>10 222 025</b>        | <b>20 043 280</b>       |

*Abbreviations:* BBNJ, intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction; ERP, enterprise resource planning; IPSAS, International Public Sector Accounting Standards; Ocean Conference, United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.