

Costa Rica proposals for Draft Decision on Agenda item 12: **“Decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to the reports of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission”**

3quater. Notes with satisfaction the interactive discussion during the meetings of the Council on the draft regulations contained in document ISBA/25/C/WP.1, and welcomes the proposals and observations presented by Member States and Observers.

3quinquies Calls upon Member States and Observers to submit additional written comments to document ISBA/25/C/WP.1 to the Secretariat no later than 15 October 2019.

3sexies Requests the Secretariat to submit to the Council no later than 15 December 2019 a consolidated report based on the proposals and observations presented by Member States and observers to document ISBA/25/C/WP.1 for consideration at the first part of its Twenty Sixth Session.

7. **Expresses its deepest regret and concern in relation to** the cases of contractors not following the reporting requirements, and that the progress of the exploration work for some contractors operating within the extension period is behind the schedule aimed to complete the resource assessment to the end of the extension period, and expresses its deep concern that a few contractors are repeatedly inadequately or incompletely performing against an approved plan of work, and that a few contractors notified that the implementation of the plan of activities would be made conditional on external factors, regardless of the applicable contractual requirements **and calls on contractors to fully and timely comply with their legal obligations.**