



INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Kingston, 27 November 2019

Dear Mr Trepelkov and Ms Goette-Wanli,

Contribution of the International Seabed Authority to the background note requested by

the United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Group of Experts on the International Seabed Authority through the International Seabed Authority's contribution to the background note requested by the Secretary-General through its resolution 73/292 of 9 May 2019.

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Yours sincerely,

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