Text submitted by the Group of 77

Article 9

All activities of exploration of the Area and of the exploitation of its resources and all other related activities, including those of scientific research shall be conducted directly by the Authority.

The Authority may, if it considers it appropriate, and within the limits it may determine, confine certain tasks to juridical or natural persons, through service contracts, or association or through any other such means it may determine which ensure its direct and effective control at all times over such activities.