ARTICLE 9

(Paragraph 2)

The Authority [may] [shall], if it considers it appropriate, and within the limits of the basic conditions and others it may determine, confer certain tasks to juridical or natural persons, through service contracts, or association or through any other such legal arrangements, appropriate contractual arrangements, as it may determine .......

.... which ensure its direct and effective control at all times over such activities in accordance with the basic conditions of exploration and exploitation set out in ... of this Convention.

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If the Authority decides, at a particular time, not to carry out directly all activities of exploration of the Area and exploitation of its resources and other related activities, it shall, within the limits of the basic conditions of exploration and exploitation and others it may determine in accordance with the provisions of this Convention, confer certain tasks to juridical or natural persons, through service contracts, or association or through any such other legal arrangements which ensure its direct and effective control at all times over such activities.

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