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Article 9 (2)

1. The Authority may confer certain tasks of the exploration of the area and the exploitation of its resources to juridical or natural persons, subject to the concurrence of the Contracting Party concerned, 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.

2. The Authority shall not enter into any arrangements for the exploration of the area and the exploitation of its resources with the corporations referred to in the respective United Nations decisions or affected by them.

3. The number of service contracts, association and other legal arrangements made with private companies of each Contracting Party for the exploration of the area and the exploitation of its resources shall be limited in accordance with the rules and regulations included in this Convention.

4. Any Contracting Party having no natural or juridical persons which are private companies shall have the right to participate in the exploration of the area and the exploitation of its resources under appropriate arrangements with the Authority to be made in accordance with the rules and regulations included in this Convention. The provisions of this paragraph shall be applicable mutatis mutandis to groups of the Contracting Parties referred to above.