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Article 22

1. All States shall cooperate with the International Seabed Authority in the exploration and exploitation of the Area, conservation and management of the marine resources, the preservation of the marine environment, scientific research and other peaceful uses of the Area compatible with the Convention.

2. The International Seabed Authority shall regulate, authorise and supervise all explorations and exploitations of the Seabed Area and conduct on its own exploration and exploitation when it shall deem it necessary.

3. State Parties, persons natural or juridical have a right to enter into a joint venture with the Seabed Authority.

4. The Seabed Authority shall be an effective partner of the joint venture according to arrangements agreed by negotiations between the joint parties.

5. The products of prospecting and exploitations shall be the common heritage of mankind and shall be shared equitably taking into account the interests and needs of developing countries.

6. The Authority and State Parties shall cooperate in promoting the transfer of technology and scientific knowledge relating to activities on the Area so that all States benefit therefrom in particular they shall promote:

   (a) Programmes for the promotion of transfer of technology to developing countries with regard to activities in the Area, including inter alia facilitating the access of developing countries to the relevant technology, under just and reasonable conditions.

   (b) Measures directed towards the advancement of domestic technology of developing countries, particularly through the opening of opportunities to personal from developing countries for training in marine science and technology and their full participation in activities in the Area.

7. In the exercise of its controlling and regulatory powers, the Authority shall take into account the financial and technological contributions of the prospector (be it a State or person natural or juridical) and this shall be reflected in the interest of both parties to the joint operations.

8. Before prospecting is undertaken the prospector shall, not less than ... months in advance of the expected commencement date of operations, provide the Authority with full descriptions of:

   (a) The name of the prospector, its director and the person in charge of the project.

   (b) The methods and means to be used including name, tonnage,
type and class of vessels and description of scientific equipment.

(c) The precise geographical area in which the activities are to be conducted.

(d) The expected date of commencement.

9. During prospecting and before exploitation, the prospector shall:

(a) Provide the Authority at its request, with preliminary reports as soon as practicable and with the final results at the conclusion of prospecting.

(b) Undertake to provide access for the Authority at its request to all data and samples derived from the project.

10. The Authority on its part having been satisfied of the full compliance of the terms of the convention by the prospector shall grant access to the prospector if for some reasons the Authority feels the requirements are not fulfilled it should give reasons and the prospector should be at liberty to repair the shortcomings and re-submit its application to the Authority for re-consideration.

11. The Authority and State Parties to joint ventures in the Area shall guarantee effective participation in the activities in the Area of developing countries.

12. In all cases of operations the Authority shall act through the Enterprise.

13. The Assembly in exercising its supreme policy making powers shall lay down general principles and issue directions of a general character to the Council or other organs of the Authority. It may take any recommendations on any matters relating to the joint ventures.