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FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY

Article 22

1. Activities in the Area shall be conducted exclusively by the Authority
   (i) directly through the Enterprise, or
   (ii) as determined by the Authority, through a form of association between the Authority and States Parties or State Enterprises, or persons natural or juridical which possess the nationality of States Parties or are effectively controlled by them or their nationals, when sponsored by such States, or any group of the foregoing.

2. Activities in the Area shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Convention, of Annex thereof, and the Statute of the Enterprise.

3. Activities of the Enterprise in the Area shall be conducted in accordance with a formal written plan of work drawn up in accordance with Annex I and approved by the Council after review by the Technical Commission. Activities in the Area in association with the entities specified in paragraph 1, shall be conducted pursuant to a contract with the Authority entered into in accordance with Annex I and approved by the Council after review by the Technical Commission.

4. The Authority shall exercise full and effective control over activities in the Area for the purpose of securing compliance at all times with the relevant provisions of this Convention, Annex I thereof, the rules, regulations and procedures of the Authority, and the plans of work and contracts approved in accordance with paragraph 3. States Parties shall assist the Authority
by taking all measures necessary to secure such compliance.

Article 23

1. The Authority shall avoid discrimination in the exercise of its powers and functions, including the granting of opportunities for activities in the Area. All rights granted under it shall fully safeguarded in accordance with the provisions of this Part of the Convention.

2. Special consideration for developing countries, including the conduct of activities by the Authority in certain parts of the Area solely in association with them, shall not be deemed to be discrimination.

ANNEX I

TITLE TO MINERALS AND PROCESSED SUBSTANCES

2. Title to the minerals or processed substances derived from the Area shall pass from the Authority only in accordance with the provisions of this Convention, the rules and regulations prescribed by the Authority in accordance with this Convention, and the terms and conditions of the contract.

QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS

7. (a) The Authority shall adopt appropriate administrative procedures and rules and regulations for making an application and for the qualifications of an applicant. Such qualifications shall include financial standing, technological capability and satisfactory performance under previous contracts with the Authority, if any.

(b) The procedures for assessing the qualifications of States Parties which are applicants shall take into account their character as States.