Annex III

Article 6

New Paragraph 5

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph 3(a) above, after the end of the interim period as defined in Article 151, the Authority may adopt by means of rules, regulations, and procedures other procedures and criteria consistent with this Convention for deciding which applicants shall have plans of work approved in cases of selection among applicants for a proposed area. These procedures and criteria shall ensure access to the resources of the Area on an equitable and non-discriminatory basis.

Annex III

Article 7

Redraft of paragraph 5 (previously paragraph 4)

5. Selection shall be made taking into account the need to enhance opportunities for all States Parties, irrespective of their social and economic systems or geographical locations so as to avoid discrimination against any State or system, to participate in activities in the Area and to prevent monopolization of such activities. The provisions of this subparagraph shall be applied whenever the Authority considers priorities for production authorization.