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**DSCC Intervention on Agenda Item 8:** Status of contracts for exploration and related matters (periodic reviews and relinquishments)

DSCC has one observation on this agenda item. Contracts, reports and reviews of exploration contract, including any breaches should all be made public. We note that the LTC meetings are not public. The templates of the contracts are inadequate and do not provide full information. This area is the common heritage of humankind and transparency is essential.

Thank you.