

**Authorizations – Autorisations**

**Letter dated 11 May 2010 from Mr Odunton, Secretary General of the International Seabed Authority, to the President of the Seabed Disputes Chamber appointing Mr Lodge as representative (reproduced under Institution of Proceedings - Request for an advisory opinion)**

**Responses to questions from the Seabed Disputes Chamber – Réponses aux questions de la Chambre pour le règlement des différends relatifs aux fonds marins**

**(a) List of points which the Chamber would like the Authority to address pursuant to article 76 of the Rules, dated 13 September 2010**

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1. With reference to article 153, paragraph 4, of the Convention, how has the Authority been exercising control over activities in the Area for the purpose of securing compliance with the relevant provisions of the Convention and what experience has the Authority accumulated over the years in this regard?
2. In what form has assistance been provided so far to the Authority by sponsoring States, including the case of various States sponsoring one contractor, for the purpose of securing compliance with provisions referred to in article 153, paragraph 4 and what experience has the Authority accumulated over the years in this regard?
3. What are the activities in the Area, including activities associated with exploration and exploitation, which so far have been controlled by the Authority?
4. Would it be possible for the Authority to provide the certificates of sponsorship regarding the contracts it has concluded with contractors, as well as copies of the sponsorship agreements if available?