

**Agreement concerning interim arrangements relating to
polymetallic nodules of the deep sea bed**

Done: Washington September 2, 1982

Opened For Signature:

Entry into Force: September 2, 1982

This is an interim agreement concerning arrangements for deep sea bed mining in order to facilitate the identification and resolution of conflicts which may arise from the filing and processing of applications by pre-enactment explorers for deep sea bed mining authorizations.

An Agreed Minute related to this Agreement was signed by the Parties on August 3, 1984.

Legend: (no mark) = ratification; **a**= accession; **d**= succession; **c** = acceptance; **p**= approval; **h**=adherence

Participant	Signature	Consent to be Bound		EIF date	Note
France	September 2, 1982		s	September 2, 1982	
Germany	September 2, 1982		s	September 2, 1982	
Japan					1
United Kingdom	September 2, 1982		s	September 2, 1982	
United States	September 2, 1982		s	September 2, 1982	

¹ The Embassy of Japan in Washington transmitted to the Department of State a diplomatic note (Note E-57), which reads as follows:

"The Embassy of Japan presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to inform the latter of the following view of the Government of Japan.

On the eve of the signing of what is called an "Agreement Concerning Interim Arrangements Relating to Polymetallic Nodules of the Deep Sea-Bed", the Government of Japan considers it appropriate and necessary to explain its fundamental views for consideration by the Government of the United States as follows:

1. The Government of Japan does not intend to sign the said agreement as it stands now, and declares that the said agreement shall have no binding power on Japan, Japan believes that the deep sea-bed mining activities including the resolution of the overlapping conflicts of mine sites should be carried out in conformity with the "Draft Resolution II Governing Preparatory Investment in Pioneer Activities Relating to Polymetallic Nodules" and the Draft Convention on the Law of the Sea which were adopted on 30 April by an overwhelming majority at the Eleventh Session on the Law of the Sea Conference.

2. The Government of Japan earnestly requests that the Agreement will be implemented in a manner fully consistent with the "Draft Resolution II",

3. The Government of Japan expresses its readiness to hold consultations and negotiations with the governments concerned in order to resolve possible conflicts concerning overlapping of mine sites, particularly since the Government of Japan is now fully prepared to do so following the enactment of a relevant domestic law on

20 July.

The detailed views of the Government of Japan on the said agreement are attached herewith."

The Embassy of Japan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of his highest consideration."