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Intervention by Malaysia's Observer:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Malaysia would like to highlight that based on the general rule of SCUFN, a coastal state may submit any undersea feature name within its economic exclusive zone.

But looking to the current stage of discussion in the SCUFN platform, it seems that some countries has submitted their undersea feature names not only based on technical data but also on some political motives. Taking into account the current development on the situation in the South China Sea, Malaysia would like to suggest that any submission of undersea feature names by any countries in the South China Sea should be temporarily closed.