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SECTION 4
PROBLEMS CAUSED BY OVERLAPPING MARITIME BOUNDARIES
• About 50 cable repair operations per year in the area bounded by Taiwan, Singapore and Djibouti (SEAIOCM A zone)
• Each repair operation takes about 7-14 days
• Operational permit application takes 3-30 days
• Speed to repair damaged cables is crucial
CABLE FAULTS

• External aggressions
  ➢ Natural disasters
  ➢ Maritime activities
SUGGESTIONS

• Recognize the common interests among adjacent countries to protect submarine cables and to reduce the outage time

• Appoint a single government department to coordinate and fast-track the issuance of operational permits during and after normal office hours

• Faster pre-clearance of cable ships and the crew as well as processing of changes
SUGGESTIONS

• Establish cable protection corridors
• Implement strict government enforcement against non-permitted activities in the vicinity of submarine cable routes
• Provide assistance for investigation of cable damages due to suspected maritime activities
THANK YOU

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