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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority is invited to note that Eleanor Petch (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) resigned from the Finance Committee with effect from 30 September 2021. She had been elected by the Assembly at its twenty-sixth session under the silence procedure on 29 April 2021 as a member of the Committee for the remainder of the term of Philip Dixon ending on 31 December 2021. In line with the decision of the Assembly concerning the extension of the terms of office of the current members of the Committee,¹ her term had been extended until 31 December 2022.

2. Section 9, paragraph 5, of the annex to the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 provides that, in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Committee prior to the expiration of the term of office, the Assembly shall elect for the remainder of the term a member from the same geographical region or group of States.

3. By a note verbale dated 1 December 2021, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom informed the secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Christopher Hilton to fill the seat on the Committee left vacant by Ms. Petch for the remainder of her term ending on 31 December 2022. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Hilton is contained in the annex to the present note.²

* New dates of the in-person meetings originally scheduled for July 2020 and then July 2021.

¹ See [ISBA/26/A/23](#).

² The annex is being circulated in the language of submission only.



Annex

Curriculum vitae*

Christopher Hilton (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Professional Experience

FOREIGN, COMMONWEALTH & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

International Maritime Policy Manager, Ocean Policy Unit, Legal Directorate
2021–present

Deputy Head of Law Faculty and Outreach, Legal Directorate 2017–21

Senior Strategic Communications Manager, Counter Daesh Comms Department
2016–17

Iran Sanctions Litigation Officer, Iran Unit 2014–16

Programme Manager (Media) for the NATO Summit (UK) 2014

Programme Manager (Ministerial) for London Summit to End Sexual Violence in
Conflict 2014

Second Secretary, Head of Political and Communications, British Embassy, Brussels
2010–14

Second Secretary, Head of Media and Public Relations, British Embassy, Stockholm
2006–10

Deputy Head of Islamic Media Team, FCO Press Office 2003–05

Chancery Desk Officer, British Embassy, Budapest, Worldwide Floater,
Brunei/Singapore Desk Officer and Third Secretary, British High Commission, Port
of Spain. Prior to 2003.

Languages

Swedish (conversation)

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.