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Election of members of the Legal and Technical Commission

Decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to the election in 2022 of members of the Legal and Technical Commission

The Council of the International Seabed Authority,

Considering the matter of the election of members of the Legal and Technical Commission for the period 2023–2027,

Recalling its decisions [ISBA/26/C/9](#) of 20 February 2020 and [ISBA/26/C/30](#) of 31 March 2021,

Recognizing the efforts of the Facilitator of the informal working group,

1. *Decides* to establish an informal contact group convened by the President of the Council composed of representatives from each regional group, as agreed by consensus within the respective regional group, to develop a mechanism for the election of the members of the Legal and Technical Commission to be adopted by the Council at the second part of the twenty-seventh session of the International Seabed Authority, in July 2022;

2. *Also decides*, on an exceptional basis and without setting a precedent, to reopen the period for the nomination of candidates for the 2022 election for a period of 10 days following the adoption of the mechanism by the Council. The mechanism may be adopted under a silence procedure of five working days or at the second part of the twenty-seventh session of the International Seabed Authority, in July 2022;

3. *Further decides* that the date of the election may be revised by a decision of the Council, if necessary, following the outcome of the work of the informal contact group.

*280th meeting
1 April 2022*

