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**President of the Council of
the International Seabed Authority**

7 December 2020

Excellencies,


I wish to refer to my letters dated 5, 20, 23 October 2020 and 10 and 16 November 2020 concerning the organization of work for the second part of the twenty-sixth session of the Council of the International Seabed Authority and to the Decision of 23 October 2020 of the Council concerning the organization of work for the second part of the twenty-sixth session of the Council and to the schedule and modalities concerning such an organization of work.

In line with the schedule and modalities concerning such an organization of work which was adopted on 13 November 2020, I kindly invite the Council, acting on the recommendations of the Legal and Technical Commission (as contained in ISBA/26/C/22, Report and recommendations of the Legal and Technical Commission to the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to an application for approval of a plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules by Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd., dated 6 August 2020) to proceed, under item 10 on its agenda, with the consideration, with a view to approval, of the application for approval of a plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules submitted by Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd.

For that purpose, I propose that the enclosed "Draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to an application for approval of a plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules submitted by Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd." as contained in ISBA/26/C/L.5. which is also available in the six official languages of the Authority on its website, be deemed adopted if no objections are received by 5 pm Jamaica time on 10 December 2020. Objections to the draft decision should be done in a letter or a note verbale addressed to the President of the Council. Such correspondence should be sent in an email to Council2020@isa.org.jm (cc:ola@isa.org.jm).

If I hear no objection to the above proposal by 5 pm Jamaica time on 10 December 2020, I will circulate the outcome of the silence procedure concerning the consideration, with a view to approval of the plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules submitted by Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd., by a letter addressed to the Members of the Council. I also wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge with thanks the delegation and representatives of observers to the International Seabed Authority who have submitted written statements which have been placed on the website of the Authority.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Rear Admiral (Retd.) Md. Khurshed Alam
President of the Council of the International Seabed Authority

Enclosure: Draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to an application for approval of a plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules submitted by Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd. (ISBA/26/C/L.5).