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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
President of the Council
Of the International seabed Authority
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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
DHAKA

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 30 November 2020, and my letters dated 3, 15 and 21 December 2020 concerning the budget of the International Seabed Authority which the Council has agreed to consider as a time sensitive issue before the end of December 2020.

In light of the imperative need for the Authority to have an approved budget for the financial period 2021-2022 I have consulted further with the Secretary-General to see how the various concerns raised by delegations can be accommodated in a further revised budget proposal.

Based on those consultations, I wish to submit to the Council a further revised budget proposal which is contained in ISBA/26/A/5/Add.1/Rev.2-ISBA/26/C/18/Add.1/Rev.2. I also propose further revisions to the Draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to the budget of the Authority for the financial period 2021-2022 (ISBA/26/C/L.4). These revisions are indicated in the enclosed document ISBA/26/C/CRP.3 which I am pleased to circulate herewith. I also circulate the attached letter from the Secretary-General.

In light of this, I am pleased to propose to place under silence procedure for adoption the Draft of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to the budget of the Authority for the financial period 2021-2022 (ISBA/26/C/L.4, as further amended in the enclosed ISBA/26/C/CRP.3).

The draft decision will be deemed adopted by the Council if no objections are received by 5 pm Jamaica time on 24 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)

I will convey the outcome of the silence procedure concerning the draft decision by a letter addressed to the Members of the Council.

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

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

Enclosures: ISBA/26/C/CRP.3 and letter to Members of the Council from the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority