



**REPRÉSENTATION PERMANENTE
DE LA FRANCE AUPRÈS DE
L'AUTORITÉ INTERNATIONALE
DES FONDS MARINS**

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31 December 2020

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 3, 6, 17, 20 November and 7, 14 December 2020 concerning the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority.

I wish to recall that, in line with the decision of the Assembly of 20 November 2020 concerning the schedule and modalities for the organization of work of the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly, the Assembly agreed that, under agenda item 18, a draft decision of the Assembly concerning election to fill vacancies on the Council of the International Seabed Authority will be tabled and placed under the silence procedure.

In this respect, I propose that the Assembly consider, under agenda item 18, and adopt, through silence procedure, the Draft Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the election to fill the vacancies on the Council of the Authority in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (See [ISBA/26/A/CRP.4](#) as attached).

To this end, the proposal to adopt the Draft Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the election to fill the vacancies on the Council of the Authority in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (See [ISBA/26/A/CRP.4](#) as attached), is hereby placed under the silence procedure until 5:00pm on Wednesday, 6 January 2021 (Jamaica time).

Any objection to the proposal should be transmitted in a letter or a note verbale addressed to me, with a clear indication of an objection being raised to the proposal. Such correspondence should be sent by email to secretary-general@isa.org.jm (cc to assembly@isa.org.jm).

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

Ambassador Denys Wibaux
President of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

To: All members of the International Seabed Authority

