



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

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26 April 2021

Excellencies,

I wish to draw the attention of the Assembly to the fact that Mr. Philip Dixon (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Mr. Duncan Laki (Uganda) resigned from the Finance Committee in March 2021. The Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Uganda have nominated Ms. Eleanor Petch (see [ISBA/26/A/21](#)), and Mr. Medard Ainomuhisha (see [ISBA/26/A/22](#)) for the remainder of the term of Mr. Dixon and of Mr. Laki respectively.

To ensure the continued effective functioning of the Finance Committee, which is currently holding webinars between March and July 2021 to consider agenda items placed before it, I propose that the Assembly consider the election to fill vacancies arising from resignations from the Finance Committee under agenda item 7, in accordance with 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. For that purpose, I propose that Ms. Eleanor Petch and Mr. Medard Ainomuhisha be elected for the remainder of the term of Mr. Dixon and of Mr. Laki respectively.

Accordingly, the proposal to elect Ms. Eleanor Petch (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) for the remainder of the term of Mr. Philip Dixon and the proposal to elect Mr. Medard Ainomuhisha (Uganda) for the remainder of the term of Mr. Duncan Laki are placed under the silence procedure until 5:00pm on Thursday, 29 April 2021 (Jamaica time).

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

In addition, I wish to draw your attention that the current membership of the Finance Committee will end on 31 December 2021 (see [ISBA/22/A/14](#)). I will consult the Bureau of the Assembly on the way forward over this matter.

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