



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

*Liberté
Égalité
Fraternité*

30 November 2020

Excellencies,

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

In line with the decisions of the Assembly dated 6 and 20 November 2020 concerning the organization of work and the schedule and modalities for the organization of work of the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly, I propose that the Assembly consider, under agenda item 17, election of the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority for a four-year term commencing on 1 January 2021, in accordance with article 160, paragraph 2 (b), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

In this respect, I wish to draw the attention of the Assembly that, on 19 November 2020, the Council adopted a Decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority concerning the candidate for the election of the Secretary-General ([ISBA/26/C/25](#) as attached), in which the Council proposed to the Assembly the following candidate for election of Secretary-General: Michael W. Lodge (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

Therefore, in accordance with article 160, paragraph 2 (b), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, I hereby propose for adoption of a draft decision entitled "Draft decision of the Assembly of the international Seabed Authority concerning the election of the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority" ([ISBA/26/A/L.2](#) as attached).

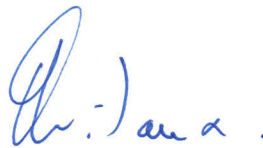
Accordingly, **the Draft decision of the Assembly of the international Seabed Authority concerning the election of the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority** ([ISBA/26/A/L.2](#) as attached) is placed under the silence procedure until 17:00 on Thursday, 3 December 2020 (Jamaica time).

Any objection to the above 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 ola@isa.org.jm).

In addition, 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 was going to

be circulated today and placed under the silence procedure. However, as of today, two regional groups are still under consultation to nominate candidates for election to fill the vacancies on the Council. After consultation within the Bureau, it was considered necessary to postpone the draft decision for one week to allow further consultations within the groups concerned with a view to reaching consensus. Therefore, this draft decision will be tabled next Monday, on 7 December 2020. For that purpose, I would like to take this opportunity to urge the regional groups concerned to nominate the candidates for election to fill the vacancies on the Council and communicate to the member of the Bureau nominated by the respective regional group as soon as possible and no later than 17:00 hrs. on 3 December 2020 (Jamaica time).

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