



President of the Council

International seabed Authority

3 December 2020

Excellencies,

Further to my letter dated 30 November 2020, transmitting "Draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to the budget of the Authority for the financial period 2021-2022" as contained in ISBA/26/C/L.4 and the "Draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to the annual overhead charge referred to in section 10.5 of the standard clauses for exploration contracts" as contained in ISBA/26/A/10-ISBA/26/C/21, Annex I, which were placed under silence procedure until today, at 5:00 p.m., I wish to inform you that the silence has been broken by a number of delegations in respect of the "Draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to the budget of the Authority for the financial period 2021-2022" as contained in ISBA/26/C/L.4 and in respect of the the "Draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to the annual overhead charge referred to in section 10.5 of the standard clauses for exploration contracts" as contained in ISBA/26/A/10-ISBA/26/C/21, Annex I.

With respect to those delegations which broke the silence only in respect of ISBA/26/C/L.4, please kindly find attached to this letter the letter dated 2nd December 2020 sent by the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the International Seabed Authority, on behalf of the members of the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) who are members of the Council. The attached letter is being circulated upon request of the GRULAC.

It is my intention to convene a Bureau meeting to discuss next steps.

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

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