



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

*Liberté  
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Fraternité*

17 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.

In my letter dated 14 December 2020, I proposed for adoption the Draft decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority, relating to the implementation of a programmatic approach to capacity development (see Annex to [ISBA/26/A/7](#)) and the Draft decision of the Assembly, relating to the action plan of the Authority, in support of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (see Annex II to [ISBA/26/A/4](#)) under the silence procedure until 5:00pm on Thursday, 17 December 2020 (Jamaica time).

It is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure in relation to the above-mentioned draft decisions has concluded without objection. Accordingly, the Draft decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the implementation of a programmatic approach to capacity development (see Annex to [ISBA/26/A/7](#)) and the Draft decision of the Assembly relating to action plan of the Authority in support of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (see Annex II to [ISBA/26/A/4](#)) are considered adopted by the Assembly as of 5:01pm, on Thursday, 17 December 2020 (Jamaica time).

The Assembly will take note of the above-mentioned two decisions at its first face-to-face meeting.

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