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### **Decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to the election of members of the Legal and Technical Commission**

*The Council of the International Seabed Authority,*

*Considering* the matter of the election of members of the Legal and Technical Commission for the period 2017-2021,

*Recalling* article 163, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,<sup>1</sup> which provides that candidates nominated for the Commission shall have appropriate qualifications in the area of competence of the Commission and that in the election of members of the Commission, due account shall be taken of the need for equitable geographical distribution and the representation of special interests,

*Noting* the ongoing general and systematic review of the manner in which the international regime of the Area has operated in practice pursuant to article 154 of the Convention, and anticipating the relevance of the outcomes of that review for future consideration of the size and composition of the Commission,

1. *Requests* that the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Legal and Technical Commission, provide a report by 31 December 2016, for consideration by the Council of the International Seabed Authority at the twenty-third session of the International Seabed Authority, identifying the ideal size of the Commission and proposing a mechanism to ensure that future elections are undertaken in a manner that better takes into account all the considerations set out in the second preambular paragraph of the present decision, including equitable geographic distribution;

2. *Decides* that, no later than the twenty-fifth session of the Authority, the Council, having considered the report requested in paragraph 1 of the present decision, will reach a clear and binding decision on a process to govern the next election of members to the Commission;

3. *Notes* that future elections shall be informed by consideration of the report requested in paragraph 1 of the present decision, and decides, on an

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363.



exceptional and temporary basis, without prejudice to future elections, and with due regard to economy and efficiency, to increase the number of members of the Commission to 30;

4 *Decides* that, in the consideration of the size of the Commission for the next term, the starting basis should be 25 members, taking into account the report requested in paragraph 1 of the present decision and the outcomes of the review of article 154 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.<sup>1</sup>

5. *Elects* the following as members of the Legal and Technical Commission for the period 2017-2021:

Dorca Auma Achapa (Kenya)  
Mark B. Alcock (Australia)  
Alfonso Ascencio-Herrera (Mexico)  
Mario Juan A. Aurelio (Philippines)  
Khalid Mehmood Awan (Pakistan)  
Harald Brekke (Norway)  
Winifred M. Broadbelt (Netherlands)  
Georgy A. Cherkashev (Russian Federation)  
Malcolm Clark (New Zealand)  
Montserrat González Carrillo (Chile)  
Russell Howorth (Fiji)  
Elie Jarmache (France)  
Themobile Elphus Joyini (South Africa)  
Se-Jong Ju (Republic of Korea)  
Ryszard Andrzej Kotliński (Poland)  
Rena Lee (Singapore)  
Carlos Roberto Leite (Brazil)  
Pedro Madureira (Portugal)  
Adolfo Maestro González (Spain)  
Théophile Ndougsa Mbarga (Cameroon)  
Nobuyuki Okamoto (Japan)  
Gordon Lindsay John Paterson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)  
Christian Juergen Reichert (Germany)  
Andrés Sebastián Rojas (Argentina)  
Mahmoud Samy (Egypt)  
Joshua T. Tuhumwire (Uganda)  
Siosua Utoikamanu (Tonga)  
Milind P. Waddikar (India)  
Michelle Walker (Jamaica)  
Jun Wu (China)

6. *Calls for* nominees from the underrepresented regional groups to fill additional vacancies at an election at the twenty-third session of the Council, if the review recommends an increase in the number of members of the Commission;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance of strictly following the agreed procedures for future elections;

8 *Also emphasizes* that it is imperative for members of the Commission to make every effort to attend and participate in all meetings of the Commission in full.

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22 July 2016

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