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SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAMME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Report of the Legal and Technical Commission

1. The Legal and Technical Commission met on 24 and 25 August 1998 to decide, inter alia, on the selection of candidates for the training programme of the Government of the Republic of Korea (ISBA/3/LTC/2) which was approved by the Commission during its meeting in August 1997. The Commission noted that members of the Authority were requested by note verbale dated 14 April 1998 to nominate candidates for training by 31 July 1998. A total of 60 applications were received by that date.
2. In respect of each application, the Secretariat made available to the Commission all available documents in the original language of submission, including the curriculum vitae of the applicant, notarized copies of academic diplomas, academic transcripts, explanatory notes and material submitted by the nominating Government.
3. The Commission recalled that the training programme of the Government of the Republic of Korea had been submitted by the delegation of Korea pursuant to paragraph 12 (a) (ii) of resolution II of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea and the understanding on the fulfillment of obligations by registered pioneer investors (LOS/PCN/L.115/Rev.1). In selecting the candidates for training the Commission therefore proceeded on the basis of the principles, policies, guidelines and procedures for the training programme adopted by the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, as set out in the final report of the Training Panel to the General Committee of the Preparatory Commission (LOS/PCN/BUR/R.48).

4. After consideration of the applications received, the Commission preselected eight applicants for the traineeships in marine geology, marine geophysics and electronic engineering based on the criteria of academic qualifications, age and language skills and taking into account any relevant training undertaken by the applicant, professional experience, their reasons for seeking training and how the training would benefit the nominating Government. Having selected the most appropriate applicant for each traineeship, the Commission then considered geographic representation, bearing in mind the need to give priority to candidates from developing countries.

5. The Commission selected the following candidates for the training programme of the Government of the Republic of Korea.

- (a) Marine geology (two traineeships)
Ekaterina Shnuyova (Ukraine)
Cherry Ringor (Philippines)

Alternate candidates
Hamid Arrifin (Malaysia)
Luis Maia (Brazil)

- (b) Marine geophysics (one traineeship)
Ershadul Haque (Bangladesh)

Alternate candidate
Francis Wawiye (Kenya)

- (c) Electronic engineering (one traineeship)
Charles Foryoung (Cameroon)

Alternate candidate
Pablo E. Semino Massa (Uruguay)

6. One of the members of the Commission did not participate in the selection process, while another member objected to the fact that the process did not mirror that of the Preparatory Commission training programme. The Chairman of the Commission requested interested members of the Legal and Technical Commission to submit proposals on the nature and objectives of future training programmes of the Authority.

7. The Legal and Technical Commission considers that, with the selection of trainees for the training programme of the Government of the Republic of Korea, the process initiated during the Preparatory Commission to implement paragraph 12 (a) (i) of resolution II has been concluded. In view of the realities regarding the activities of the Enterprise at this stage, as contained in section 2 of the Implementation Agreement, it was the view of the Commission that the purposes of future training programmer of the Authority have to be reconsidered. The Commission requested the Secretariat to ascertain the current activities of all previous trainees under resolution II with a view to assisting it in this matter.

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