



Council

Distr.: General
6 June 2005

Original: English

Eleventh session

Kingston, Jamaica
15-26 August 2005

Election to fill a vacancy on the Legal and Technical Commission in accordance with Part XI, section 4, subsection C, article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Note from the Secretary-General

1. The Council is invited to note that a vacancy has occurred in the Legal and Technical Commission due to the death of Helmut Beiersdorf of Germany. Dr. Beiersdorf was elected as a member of the Commission on 5 July 2001 (see ISBA/7/C/6), for a term of five years beginning 1 January 2002.
2. In accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and rule 80, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the International Seabed Authority, in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Commission prior to the expiration of the term of office, the Council shall elect for the remainder of the term a member from the same geographical region or area of interest.
3. Article 163, paragraph 3, of the Convention and rule 81 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council provide that members of the Commission shall have appropriate qualifications in the area of competence of the Commission, and States parties shall nominate candidates of the highest standards of competence and integrity with qualifications in the relevant fields so as to ensure the effective exercise of the functions of the Commission.
4. By a note verbale dated 28 April 2005, the Embassy of Germany in Jamaica informed the Secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Michael Wiedicke-Hombach, as a candidate for the election to fill the vacant seat on the Commission. The curriculum vitae¹ of Dr. Wiedicke-Hombach appears in the annex to the present document.

¹ Reproduced in the original language of submission.

Annex

Michael Wiedicke-Hombach (Germany)

