

28 September 2020

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 2, 9, 21 and 24 September 2020 concerning the second part of the twenty-sixth session of the Council of the International Seabed Authority.

Further to my letter dated 24 September 2020, notifying the Members of the Council of the International Seabed Authority of the adoption by the Council of its decision of 24 September 2020 entitled "Procedure for the adoption of decisions by the Council during the second part of the twenty-sixth session of the International Seabed Authority owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic" to enable it to take decisions by silence procedure, I now propose that Members of the Council proceed with the election of the President of the Council of the International Seabed Authority.

In this regard, I wish to recall that it is the turn of the Asia Pacific States Group to nominate a candidate for the presidency of the Council during the twenty-sixth session. I am pleased to communicate that Bangladesh has nominated Rear Admiral (Retd.) Md. Khurshed Alam, BN, Secretary (Maritime Affairs Unit), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, as a candidate for the post of President of the Council for the twenty-sixth session of the Council of the International Seabed Authority (item 3 on the agenda of the Council, ISBA/26/C/1).

In the absence of other nominations, Rear Admiral Alam will be deemed to be elected as President of the Council by the silence procedure pursuant to the above mentioned decision of the Council of 24 September 2020, if no objection is received by the Secretariat by 5 p.m. Jamaican time on Thursday 1 October 2020. Any objections should be transmitted in a letter or a note verbale addressed to the Acting President of the Council of the International Seabed Authority. Such correspondence should be sent in an email to Council2020@isa.org.jm

I will convey the outcome on the election of the President of the Council of the International Seabed Authority by a letter addressed to the Members of the Council.

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



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Acting President of the Council of the
International Seabed Authority