TOBIAS PIERLINGS (GERMANY) PRESIDENT OF THE SEABED COUNCIL FOR 2013

Mr. Tobias Pierlings (Germany), who was today elected President of the Council of the International Seabed Authority at its Nineteenth Session, has served the German Federal Government since 2006. He is a member of the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, and has been deputy head of the Ministry’s division for the Law of the Sea since 2011. In 2012, Mr. Pierlings headed the German delegation to the 18th annual session of the International Seabed Authority.

Born in Wuppertal, Germany, in 1976, Mr Pierlings studied law at the Universities of Göttingen, Geneva, and Bonn. With a specialisation in Public International Law, he passed the German bar exam in 2006. He started his practitioner’s career as a legal advisor in the Federal Foreign Office, and joined the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology in 2008. Prior to his current position, he served as the Ministry’s deputy spokesman.

Mr. Pierlings has published on various topics of Public International Law. He is a contributor to the Max Planck Encyclopaedia of Public International Law, and has co-edited a German textbook on Public International Law, to which he contributed, inter alia, a chapter on the International Law of the Sea and its specific dispute settlement mechanisms.

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