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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Council of the International Seabed Authority is invited to note that Dr. Adolfo Maestro González (Spain), a member of the Legal and Technical Commission, communicated his resignation on 29 January 2024. He had been elected a member of the Commission on 24 August 2022 for a term of five years beginning on 1 January 2023 (see [ISBA/27/C/41/Add.1](#)).
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, 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 that States parties shall nominate candidates of the highest standards of competence and integrity with qualifications in the relevant fields to ensure the effective exercise of the functions of the Commission.
4. By a note verbale dated 29 January 2024, the Permanent mission of Spain to the International Seabed Authority, informed the secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Ms. María Gómez Ballesteros (Spain), deputy vice president of organization of the Scientific Research Council (Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities), as a candidate to fill the vacant seat on the Commission resulting from the resignation of Mr.

* [ISBA/29/C/L.1](#)

Maestro González. The curriculum vitae of Ms. Gómez Ballesteros can be found on the website of the Authority.¹

5. The secretariat invites the Council to take a decision on the election of Ms. Gómez Ballesteros to fill the current vacancy.

¹ https://www.isa.org.jm/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Curriculum_Vitae_Abbreviate_Form_M.Gomez_2024.pdf