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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 by the Secretary-General**

1. The Council is invited to note that Inge Zaamwani (Namibia), member of the Legal and Technical Commission has resigned. Ms. Zaamwani was elected as a member of the Commission on 5 July 2001 for a term of five years (ISBA/7/C/6).
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 24 June 2003 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Namibia to the United Nations, the Government of Namibia informed the Secretary-General of the Authority of the nomination of Asser Mudhika, Director of Mines at the Ministry of Mines and Energy as a candidate for the election to fill the vacant seat on the Commission. The curriculum vitae¹ of Mr. Mudhika appears in the annex to the present document.

Notes

¹ The curriculum vitae of Mr. Mudhika is reproduced in the original language of submission only.

Annex**Asser Mudhika (Namibia)**

Date of birth: 25 March 1946.

Educational background

2 April-7 June 1991	CENTEK Lulëa University of Technology (Sweden): Obtained Certificate in Advanced Mining Technology; Certificate in Modern Rock Blasting Technique.
November 1986-July 1988	The City University, London (UK) Post Graduate: Obtained MSc in Industry and Administration Sciences (Mine Management).
September 1972-March 1976	Kiev State Geological College (USSR): Obtained BSc (Hons.) in Geology (Prospecting and Exploration of Mineral Deposits).
September 1971-July 1992	Kiev State University (USSR): Obtained Preparatory Certificate.
1971-1977	Nkumbi International College (Zambia): Obtained General Certificate of Education (O' Level) in English Language, Mathematics, Biology and Geography.
1967-1969	Nkumbi International College (Zambia): Obtained Junior Secondary School (JSSC) Certificate in English Language, Mathematics, General Science, Geography and History.
1952-1960	Olukonda Primary School (Namibia): Obtained Standard VI Certificate.

Working experience

1961-1965	Worked as a clerk at Ocean Fishing Company in Walvis Bay (Namibia).
1977-1986	Worked in the Department of Education and Culture as Organizer, Secretary, Teacher, School Vice Principal and Principal in Angola and Cuba.
September 1988-June 1989	Attached to Department of Economist Affairs (Angola) Dealing with Mining Sector.
September 1990	Joined the Ministry of Mines and Energy, Mining Directorate as a Mineral Economist, Senior, Principal and Deputy Director of Mineral Economist and Marketing Division.

Seminars, workshops and conferences

August 1973	Participated in two-week XI World Festival for Students and Youth, Berlin, Germany.
May 1975	Participated in a week seminar for all Namibian students in East European Countries, Moscow (USSR).
September 1980	Participated in a two-week seminar on Education for Liberation Movements in Southern Africa, Lusaka (Zambia).
September 1983	Participated in a week seminar for English Language Programme for Independent Namibia, Lusaka (Zambia).
July 1988	Participated in a week seminar on New Age thinking (New approach to Management) London, UK.
November 1988	Participated in a week seminar of United Nations Tin Conference, Geneva (Switzerland).
April 1989	Participated in a week seminar of the United Nations Tin Conference, Geneva (Switzerland).
February 1991	Participated in a week workshop of Small-Scale Mining Technology, Livingstone (Zambia).
1993-1994	Member of the Government of Republic of Namibia Negotiating Team with De Beers; resulted in the signing of the agreement between the two parties, of which the Government of Republic of Namibia and De Beers are 50 per cent shareholders of Namdeb. Participated in SADC Annual Mining Meetings in Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
March 1995	Participated in Sub-Saharan Oil and Minerals Meeting in South Africa.
21-25 October 1996	Participated in a course on Mineral Evaluation held in Windhoek, Namibia.
21-22 November 1997	Participated in the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Second Regional Conference of African Ministers Responsible for the Development and Utilization of Mineral and Energy Resources in Africa, held in Durban, South Africa.
1997-1999	Member of the Government of Republic of Namibia Team; Drafted and Finalized the New Diamond Act, 1999 (Act 13 of 1999).

23-25 November 1998	Attended a course on Finance for Non-Finance Managers held in Windhoek, Namibia.
26 June-1 July 1999	Participated in the World Conference on Science, held in Budapest, Hungary.
27 September-1 October 1999	Participated in the forty-third regular session of the IAEA General Conference, held in Vienna, Austria.
15-18 November 1999	Participated in the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa First Meeting of the Committee on Natural Resources, Science and Technology, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
4 December 1999	Participated in the course Introduction to the Financial Evaluation of Mineral Projects, held in Windhoek, Namibia.
1-4 August 2000	Participated in the meeting of SADC Senior Officials held in Windhoek, Namibia, representing the Ministry of Mines and Energy.
15-22 September 2000	Participated in the forty-fourth General Conference of IAEA held in Vienna, Austria, as a member of the Namibian Government delegation.
10-13 October 2000	Participated in SADC-EU Mining Investment Forum (Mines 2000), held in Lusaka, Zambia, as a member of the Namibian Government delegation.
14-18 October 2000	Participated in IAEA Regional Training Course on Evaluation of Hazards Associated with Waste with Enhanced Concentrations of Naturally Occurring Radionuclides, held in Algiers, Algeria, representing Namibia.
