



Secretariat

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Information circular

To: Members of the staff
From: The Secretary-General
Subject: **Membership of the Joint Appeals Board**

1. The purpose of the present circular is to inform the staff that, in accordance with rule 11.1 of the Staff Rules of the International Seabed Authority ([ISBA/ST/SGB/2020/1](#), [ISBA/ST/SGB/2020/1/Amend.1](#), [ISBA/ST/SGB/2020/1/Amend.2](#) and [ISBA/ST/SGB/2020/1/Amend.3](#)), the membership of the Joint Appeals Board for a two-year term, with effect from 23 January 2025 to 22 January 2027, is as follows:

Chair

Martha Halfeld Furtado de Mendonça Schmidt*

Members appointed by the Secretary-General

Abena Kwakye-Berko
Jiefang Huang
Bettina Gerber**

Members elected by the staff

Courtney Maxwell
Georgina Guillén Grillo
Helmut Tuerk

2. Information circular [ISBA/ST/IC/2025/3](#) is hereby replaced.

Letica Carvalho
Secretary-General

* Appointed by the Secretary-General after consultation with the Staff Committee

** Appointed by the Secretary-General on 19 May 2026 following the resignation of Johnny Ibrahim