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**Election to fill a vacancy on the Legal and Technical
Commission in accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of
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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Council of the International Seabed Authority is invited to note that on 10 July 2026, Dr. Se-Jong Ju (Republic of Korea), member of the Legal and Technical Commission, communicated his resignation, effective 11 July 2026. He had been elected a member of the Commission in July 2022 for a five-year term, from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2027 (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 10 July 2026, the Permanent Mission of The Republic of Korea to the International Seabed Authority, informed the Secretariat of the nomination of Mr. Jonguk Kim (Republic of Korea), Principal Research Scientist at the Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST), as a candidate to fill

the vacant seat on the Commission resulting from the resignation of Dr. Ju. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Kim can be found on the website of the Authority.¹

5. The Secretariat invites the Council to take a decision on the election of Mr. Kim to fill the current vacancy.

¹ See <https://isa.org.jm/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Jonguk-Kim-CV-ISA-LTC.pdf>. The curriculum vitae is available in the language of submission only.