

## **Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

### **Information for participants**

Twenty-fifth meeting (resumed)  
New York, 15 January 2016  
Conference Room 1 (CB)

### ***Background***

The resumed twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea<sup>1</sup> will be held in New York on 15 January 2016, to elect one member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea ([SPLOS/288](#), [SPLOS/289](#) and [SPLOS/290](#)) and to elect one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf ([SPLOS/291](#) and [SPLOS/292](#)).<sup>2</sup>

All documents of the Meeting are available at:  
[www.un.org/depts/los/meeting\\_states\\_parties/resumedtwentyfifthmeetingstatesparties.htm](http://www.un.org/depts/los/meeting_states_parties/resumedtwentyfifthmeetingstatesparties.htm)  
and <http://documents.un.org>.

### ***Officers***

On 8 June 2015, in accordance with Rule 19 (Election of officers) of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties (SPLOS/2/Rev.4), the Meeting elected Kriangsak Kittichaisaree (Thailand) as President of the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties, and Audrey Naana Abayena (Ghana), Pablo Arocha (Mexico), Sari Mäkelä (Finland) and Metod Spacek (Slovakia) as Vice-Presidents, by acclamation. Their terms of office will continue until the next Meeting elects its officers.

### ***Provisional agenda***

The provisional agenda for the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting is contained in document [SPLOS/L.76](#) available through the Official Document System of the United Nations.

### ***Credentials***

It is recalled that, on 10 June 2015, the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties approved the report of the Credentials Committee on the understanding that the credentials of representatives to the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties would continue to be valid until the termination of the

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<sup>1</sup> The twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea was first convened from 8 to 12 June 2015, pursuant to paragraph 41 of General Assembly resolution 69/245 of 29 December 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Document SPLOS/292 will be issued in early January 2016, after the completion of the process of nomination of candidates for the election of one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

twenty-fifth Meeting, in accordance with rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure (see SPLOS/285 and SPLOS/287, para. 13).

States Parties are reminded that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 5 of the report of the Credentials Committee of the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties (SPLOS/285) should be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The original credentials should be transmitted to the secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, Room DC2-0450, United Nations, New York, NY 10017), duly signed, in accordance with rule 13 (2) of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties, by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any person authorized by either of them.

### ***Secretariat***

The Office of Legal Affairs, through its Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, carries out the secretariat functions for the Meeting of States Parties. For additional kindly contact: [doalos@un.org](mailto:doalos@un.org).