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The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations presents its compliments to Representatives of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and has the honour to refer to the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to transmit attached herewith a letter dated 25 August 2020 from the President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties addressed to Representatives of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, regarding the third round of balloting of the election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Representatives of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea the assurances of its highest consideration.

 *Stella Makris*
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Le Bureau des affaires juridiques de l'Organisation des Nations Unies présente ses compliments aux représentantes et représentants des États parties à la Convention des Nations Unies sur le droit de la mer et a l'honneur de se référer à la trentième Réunion des États parties à la Convention.

Le Bureau des affaires juridiques a le plaisir de transmettre ci-joint une lettre datée du 25 août 2020, qui est adressée aux représentantes et représentants des États parties à la Convention des Nations Unies sur le droit de la mer par le Président de la trentième Réunion des États parties, concernant le troisième tour de scrutin de l'élection de sept membres du Tribunal international du droit de la mer.

Le Bureau des affaires juridiques saisit cette occasion pour renouveler aux représentantes et représentants des États parties à la Convention des Nations Unies sur le droit de la mer les assurances de sa très haute considération.

 
Le 25 août 2020



PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
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25 August 2020

Excellencies,

I refer to my letters dated 21, 24 and 25 August 2020, and the decision on the conduct of the election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea adopted at the plenary meeting of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, held on 24 August 2020.

As indicated in my letter earlier today, the result of the vote conducted on Tuesday, 25 August 2020, for the remaining seat on the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, was that no candidate obtained the required majority of votes. Accordingly, the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot), which would be for one seat allocated to the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, 26 August 2020, from 10.00 a.m., in the General Assembly Hall.

Regarding the third round of balloting, please find attached Note Verbale No. 115 dated 25 August 2020 from the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations noting that the Government of Brazil has decided to withdraw the candidature of Mr. Rodrigo Fernandes More to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, for the term 2020-2029.

As a consequence, Ms. Kathy-Ann Brown (Jamaica) is the only candidate standing for the seat allocated to the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for the restricted ballot and only her name will appear on the ballot tomorrow.

Delegations are reminded that article 4, paragraph 4, of the Statute of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Annex VI to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea) states that two-thirds of the States Parties shall constitute a quorum at the meeting, and that persons elected to the Tribunal must obtain a two-thirds majority of the States Parties present and voting, provided that such majority includes a majority of the States Parties. Accordingly, your participation in the third round of balloting to be held tomorrow, Wednesday, 26 August 2020, at 10.00 a.m. is critical and strongly encouraged.

Information on the conduct of the election was enclosed in my earlier letter dated 25 August 2020.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.



H.E. Burhan Gafoor
President of the thirtieth Meeting of States
Parties to the United Nations Convention
on the Law of the Sea

Representatives of States
Parties to the United
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*Permanent Mission of Brazil
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Nº 115

The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the 30th Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, Ambassador Burhan Gafoor, and has the honour to refer to the election of magistrates to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, for the term 2020-2029.

The Permanent Mission of Brazil has further the honour to inform the decision of the Government of Brazil to withdraw the candidature of Prof. Rodrigo Fernandes More in the above mentioned election.

The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the President of the 30th Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 25 August 2020.

H.E. Ambassador Burhan
Gafoor, President of the 30th
UNCLOS

cc. Ms. Shimena Hinrichs
Oyarce, Register of ITLOS

New York

