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The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations presents its compliments to Permanent Missions to the United Nations 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 11 August 2020, from the President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties addressed to the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of States Parties to the Convention, concerning the recirculation of a proposal entitled “*Adoption of the agenda*”; a revised proposal entitled “*Election of Vice-Presidents*”; and a new proposal entitled “*Appointment of the Credentials Committee*”.

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


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Le Bureau des affaires juridiques de l'Organisation des Nations Unies présente ses compliments aux missions permanentes des États parties à la Convention des Nations Unies sur le droit de la mer auprès de l'Organisation 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 11 août 2020, qui est adressée aux représentants permanents des États parties à la Convention auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies par le Président de la trentième Réunion des États parties concernant la remise en circulation d'une proposition intitulée « *Adoption de l'ordre du jour* » ; une proposition révisée intitulée « *Élection des vice-présidents* » ; et une nouvelle proposition intitulée « *Nomination de la Commission de vérification des pouvoirs* ».

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


Le 11 août 2020





PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
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Excellencies,

I refer to my letters dated 30 July and 5 August 2020, and decision 30/1 of 24 July 2020. I refer also to agenda items 4 (Adoption of the agenda), 5 (Election of Vice-Presidents) and 6 (Appointment of the Credentials Committee) on the provisional agenda of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties ([SPLOS/30/L.1/Rev.1](#)).

Having consulted with States Parties, and having also received an additional nomination for the position of Vice-President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties and nominations for membership of the Credentials Committee, I hereby propose for adoption three decisions entitled respectively as follows: “*Adoption of the agenda*”, “*Election of Vice-Presidents*” and “*Appointment of the Credentials Committee*”.

(a) “*Adoption of the agenda*”

I propose, again, the adoption of the provisional agenda as contained in document ([SPLOS/30/L.1/Rev.1](#)). The provisional agenda is annexed for ease of reference. Editorial adjustments by the Secretariat to reflect documents issued after the provisional agenda had been issued, which were tracked in the version annexed to my letter of 30 July 2020, have been incorporated.

The proposal to adopt the provisional agenda is placed under a silence procedure until 5 p.m. on Friday, 14 August 2020.

Any objection to the above-mentioned proposal should be transmitted in a letter or a note verbale addressed to me, with a clear indication of the part(s) of the proposal to which the objection(s) refer(s). Such correspondence should be sent by email to doalos@un.org (cc to santosuosso@un.org).

I would like to recall that, in the practice of the Meeting of States Parties, the order of items on the provisional agenda is without prejudice to the order in which these items will be discussed. I will address the organization of work for the thirtieth Meeting in a separate letter which I will circulate, after consultations with the Bureau, following its establishment.

(b) "Election of Vice-Presidents"

I have the privilege of informing you that I have received, through the Secretariat, the following nominations:

- For the seat allocated to the Group of African States: H.E. Mr. Ibrahima Toure (Côte d'Ivoire);
- For the seat allocated to the Group of Eastern European States: Mr. Oleksiy Ilnytskyi (Ukraine);
- For the seat allocated to Group of Latin American and Caribbean States: Mr. Edgar Daniel Leal Matta (Guatemala); and
- For the seat allocated to the Group of Western European and Other States: Mr. Cary Scott-Kemmis (Australia).

I propose that each of the above-mentioned candidates be elected as Vice-President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties.

Accordingly, **the proposal to elect H.E. Mr. Ibrahima Toure, the proposal to elect Mr. Oleksiy Ilnytskyi, the proposal to elect Mr. Edgar Daniel Leal Matta, and the proposal to elect Mr. Cary Scott-Kemmis as Vice-Presidents of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties are placed under a silence procedure until 5 p.m. on Friday, 14 August 2020.**

Any objection to any of the above-mentioned four proposals should be transmitted in a letter or a note verbale addressed to me, with a clear indication of the proposal(s) which the objection(s) refer(s) to. Such correspondence should be sent by email to doalos@un.org (cc to santosuosso@un.org).

(c) "Appointment of the Credentials Committee"

I have the privilege of informing you that I have received, through the Secretariat, the following nominations:

- For the seats allocated to the Group of African States: Namibia and Sierra Leone;
- For the seats allocated to the Group of Asia-Pacific States: China and Myanmar;
- For the seat allocated to the Group of Eastern European States: Russian Federation;
- For the seats allocated to Group of Latin American and Caribbean States: Chile and Honduras; and
- For the seats allocated to the Group of Western European and Other States: Finland and Monaco.

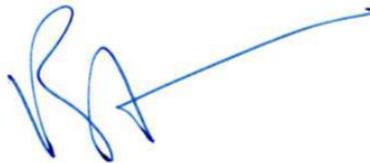
I propose that each of the above-mentioned States Parties be appointed as a member of the Credentials Committee of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties.

Accordingly, **the proposal to appoint Chile, the proposal to appoint China, the proposal to appoint Finland, the proposal to appoint Honduras, the proposal to appoint Monaco, the proposal to appoint Myanmar, the proposal to appoint Namibia, the proposal to appoint the Russian Federation, and the proposal to appoint Sierra Leone as members of the Credentials Committee of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties are placed under a silence procedure until 5 p.m. on Friday, 14 August 2020.**

Any objection to any of the above-mentioned nine proposals should be transmitted in a letter or a note verbale addressed to me, with a clear indication of the proposal(s) which the objection(s) refer(s) to. Such correspondence should be sent by email to doalos@un.org (cc to santosuosso@un.org).

I take this opportunity to highlight to States Parties that the election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea is a matter that must be dealt with urgently. The establishment of both the Bureau and the Credentials Committee as soon as possible is therefore of critical importance.

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

Permanent Representatives to
the United Nations of States
Parties to the 1982 United
Nations Convention on the Law
of the Sea

Annex

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the thirtieth Meeting by the President of the twenty-ninth Meeting.
 2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
 3. Election of the President.
 4. Adoption of the agenda.
 5. Election of the Vice-Presidents.
 6. Appointment of the Credentials Committee.
 7. Organization of work.
 8. Report of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea to the Meeting of States Parties ([SPLOS/30/2](#)).
 9. Information reported by the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority.
 10. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf:
 - (a) Information reported by the Chair of the Commission ([SPLOS/30/10](#), [SPLOS/30/10/Add.1](#) and [SPLOS/30/10/Add.2](#));
 - (b) Conditions of service of members of the Commission ([SPLOS/30/11](#));
 - (c) Filling of a vacancy in the Commission.
 11. Consideration of administrative and budgetary matters of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea:
 - (a) Report on budgetary matters for the financial periods 2017–2018 and 2019–2020 ([SPLOS/30/3](#));
 - (b) Appointment of Auditor for the financial years 2021–2024 ([SPLOS/30/4](#));
 - (c) Draft budget proposals of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for the budget period 2021–2022 ([SPLOS/30/5](#));
 - (d) Amendments to the Financial Regulations of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea ([SPLOS/30/6](#)).
 12. Report of the Credentials Committee.
 13. Election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea ([SPLOS/30/7](#), [SPLOS/30/8](#), [SPLOS/30/8/Add.1](#), [SPLOS/30/9](#) and [SPLOS/30/CRP.1](#)).
 14. Reports of the Secretary-General under article 319 for the information of States parties on issues of a general nature, relevant to States parties, which have arisen with respect to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ([A/74/350](#) and [A/75/70](#)).
 15. Other matters ([SPLOS/30/12](#)).
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