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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 a letter dated 26 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 results of 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.

 *Stijn Maktias*
26 August 2020

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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 une lettre datée du 26 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 les résultats du 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 26 août 2020



PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
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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.

I am pleased to announce the result of the vote conducted on Wednesday, 26 August 2020, for the remaining seat on the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

Having obtained the largest number of votes and the required two-thirds majority of the States Parties present and voting, which includes a majority of the States Parties, Ms. Kathy-Ann Brown (Jamaica) is elected as a member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. The details of the result can be found in **Annex A**. I congratulate Ms. Brown on her election as a member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

I thank the tellers and the staff of the United Nations Secretariat for their assistance in the third round of the election held today.

I wish to recall that in my letter dated 18 August 2020, I had informed that the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda of the thirtieth Meeting will be taken up at a later stage. To that end, I will conduct consultations and will revert to States Parties with the proposed organization of work for the remaining items on the agenda in due course. In this connection, I wish to recall, once more, that agenda item 11(c), entitled “Draft budget proposals of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for the budget period 2021-2022”, will have to be considered and the decisions related to the 2021-2022 budget adopted prior to the end of the year.

Additionally, I wish to recall that, as advised by the Occupational Safety and Health team of the Secretariat, should any member of your delegation that took part in the meetings on 24-26 August develop symptoms in the next 14 days, or have a positive COVID-19 test, they should immediately contact the Occupational Safety and Health team using the medical-in-confidence email address osh@un.org. The team will contact the delegate(s) concerned and undertake contact tracing amongst other attendees if necessary, without disclosing the details as to who the potential source is. I thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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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Annex A

26 August 2020

TELLERS REPORT

Thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

RESULTS of the VOTE IN THE THIRD (SECOND RESTRICTED) BALLOT

Number of votes obtained were:

Latin American and Caribbean States Group

Number of Seats to be filled	<u>1</u>
Number of ballot papers	<u>159</u>
Number of Invalid ballots	<u>0</u>
Number of Valid ballots	<u>159</u>
Abstentions	<u>6</u>

Number of members present and voting	<u>153</u>
Required majority: 2/3 of present and voting	<u>102</u>
Majority of the States parties	<u>84</u>

Candidate	Nationality	Votes Received	Elected
BROWN, Kathy-Ann	Jamaica	153	Yes