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**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
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Convening of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following, pursuant to rule 5 (*Notification*) of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties ([SPLOS/2/Rev.4](#)), as an addendum to notifications MSP.N.2020.LOS of 14 April 2020 and MSP.N.2020.LOS.Add.1 of 29 June 2020, which are available at: www.un.org/Depts/los/meeting_states_parties/thirtiethmeetingstatesparties.htm:

The attention of States Parties is drawn to the attached letter dated 6 July 2020, whereby the President of the twenty-ninth Meeting of States Parties declares open the thirtieth Meeting.

In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to remind that, pursuant to rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure (*Submission of credentials*), credentials of representatives should be duly signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any person authorized by either of them.

Given the logistical limitations imposed by preventive measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic and in order to ensure the efficient processing of credentials required for the timely conduct of the election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, a meeting of the Credentials Committee is tentatively scheduled for 20 August 2020, in advance of possible meetings during the week of 24-28 August 2020.

In order to facilitate the submission of credentials and the work of the Credentials Committee during the COVID-19 pandemic, States Parties are kindly urged to transmit any of the following by email to the Secretariat at doalos@un.org, in pdf or an image format, as soon as possible and no later than 5:00 p.m. on 19 August 2020:

- a scanned copy of the formal credentials; or
- a scanned copy of a duly signed communication from the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York containing provisional information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the thirtieth Meeting. A list of delegates conveyed in the body of an email message will not be considered as sufficient for the purposes of the Credentials Committee.

In the absence of an acknowledgment of receipt, the State Party concerned should assume that its communication concerning the credentials has not been received by the Secretariat.

The original hard copy of the formal credentials should be brought to the conference room on the first day of the in-person meetings. Therefore, at this time, States Parties are kindly requested not to mail or hand-deliver formal credentials.

Attention of States Parties is also drawn to the understanding reached by the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties (see SPLOS/263, paragraph 101), according to which, in keeping with rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure (*Use of terms*), Meetings of States Parties can be adjourned and resumed as required and would terminate when the next Meeting of States Parties is convened. Therefore, the credentials for the thirtieth Meeting will be valid for the period from 6 July 2020 until the convening of the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties.


 6 July 2020