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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 29 July 2020 from the President of the twenty-ninth Meeting of States Parties addressed to the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of States Parties to the Convention, regarding the outcome of the consultations concerning the election of the President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties.

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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Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 11 May, 23 June, 6 July, 9 July, 21 July and 24 July 2020, concerning the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Further to my letter dated 24 July 2020, transmitting a proposal that His Excellency Ambassador Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Singapore to the United Nations, be deemed elected as President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties, which was placed under silence procedure pursuant to decision 30/1 until 5:00 p.m. on 29 July 2020, it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, Ambassador Gafoor is deemed elected by the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties as from 5:01 p.m. today, Wednesday, 29 July 2020. I would like to warmly congratulate Ambassador Gafoor on his election and wish him a successful Meeting.

The thirtieth Meeting will take note of this decision at its first plenary meeting to be held at the United Nations Headquarters as decision 30/2.

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

Michael Imran Kanu (SJD)

President of the twenty-ninth 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