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Biographical Note

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RYSZARD KOTLINSKI OF POLAND ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SEABED ASSEMBLY FOR 2008

Mr. Ryszard Kotlinski of Poland, who was elected President of the Assembly of the 14th session of the International Seabed Authority for 2008, on Thursday, 29 May, has been deeply involved in the Authority's work since 1992.

He was a member of the Authority's Legal and Technical Commission from 1996 to 2001 and has taken part in all the organization's sessions since then.

Mr. Kotlinski began his professional career in marine geology in the Polish Geological Institute, after graduating with distinction in 1971 with a Master's degree in Geology from Wroclaw University in Poland. He became head of its Division of Deep Sea Mineral Deposits. He was further promoted (1980) to the post of Director of the Department of Marine Geology.

In 1987, he was nominated by the Government of Poland as Chief Geologist to the INTEROCEANMETAL Joint Organization, subsequently, becoming its elected Director General in 1992.

In 2000, he received a Doctorate of Science degree in mineral deposits, and at the same time was named Professor in Ocean Engineering at the Technical University of Szczecin in Poland. Four years later, he became a Professor of Marine Geology at the university's Institute of Marine Sciences.

Mr. Kotlinski is a member of the Polish Academy of Science and a foreign member of the National Academy of Science of Ukraine. A member of many other international organizations, he is the author of some 100 papers and several books on marine geology and deep sea mineral deposits. His major works have been published in Polish, Chinese and Russian.

Born in Poland in 1947, Mr. Kotlinski is the recipient of several honours from Poland, Ukraine and Slovakia.

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