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## **PETER THOMSON (FIJI) PRESIDENT OF SEABED ASSEMBLY FOR 2011**

Mr. Peter Thomson, who was today elected President of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority at the opening of its Seventeenth Session (2011), is Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, since 2010, and concurrently Ambassador to Cuba.

Born in Suva, Fiji, in 1948, Mr. Thomson holds a B.A. in Political Studies from Auckland University in New Zealand, and a post-graduate diploma in Developmental Studies from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Thomson spent sixteen years as a civil servant in the Government of Fiji, working in the fields of rural development and foreign affairs. From 1988 to 2009 he worked in the private sector and became a founder member of the executive committees of both the Australia-Fiji Business Council, and the New Zealand-Fiji Business Council. He is a published author, with one of his books, "Kava in the Blood", being the winner of a Montana book award for non-fiction.

Mr. Thomson is married with two children.

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