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**ASSEMBLY CONCLUDES HISTORIC TENTH SESSION OF AUTHORITY**

The 145-member Assembly of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) ended its 2004 session in Kingston this morning after taking note of statements from its president and the president of the Council.

The Authority will meet for its eleventh session from 15 to 25 August 2005.

The statement of the President of the Council, Mr Baïdy Diène (Senegal), on the work of the Council at the tenth session (ISBA/10/C/10) highlighted, among other things, the preliminary discussions of the draft regulations for prospecting and exploration for polymetallic sulphides and cobalt-rich crusts in the international seabed Area. The draft regulations, contained in ISBA/10/C/WP.1, was completed by the Legal and Technical Commission and presented to the Council on 31 May.

On the work of the Assembly, the statement of the President (ISBA/10/A/12) took note of the special session to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Authority, which was held on 25 and 26 May. It also noted the Supplementary Headquarters Agreement between the International Seabed Authority and the Government of Jamaica -- signed on 17 December 2003 -- regarding the maintenance of the headquarters of the ISA and use of the Jamaica Conference Centre facilities. The Assembly approved the Agreement on 1 June.

China, Tanzania, Vietnam and Indonesia pointed to minor errors in the statement of the President of the Assembly. Secretary-General, Satya N. Nandan said the corrections would be made to the document which will be redistributed next week and posted on the Secretariat's website.

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Mr. Nandan was yesterday elected by the Assembly to a third four-year term. In March 1996 he was elected the Authority's first Secretary-General.

Before adjourning the session, President of the Assembly Mr. Dennis Francis (Trinidad & Tobago), said it was a "honour and privilege to occupy the chair". His country was proud of its service and would continue to support the goals and ideals of the Authority.

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