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Biographical Note

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CHIEF OLUFOLAJIMI MODUPE AKINTOLA OF NIGERIA **PRESIDENT OF SEABED ASSEMBLY FOR 2007**

Chief Olufolajimi Modupe Akintola who was today elected President of the 13th session of the International Seabed Authority is the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the Authority (since 2005) and her country's High Commissioner to Jamaica (since 2003).

A lawyer by training, Chief Akintola is a member of the Nigeria Bar Association since 1964; a member of its National Executive Council (1999-2000) and Chairperson of its Sections Committee (2003). She was a member of the Council of Legal Education in Nigeria. (2004). She joined the International Bar Association in 1987, becoming a member of its Council (2000-2004); Vice Chair of its Section on Legal Practice and Secretary of the Section (2000-2002). She was also a Council member of the Human Rights Institute of the International Bar Association. A Life Member of the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) which she joined in 1967, she was also a founding member and First Secretary of its Nigerian affiliate.

Chief Akintola was appointed a member of the Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Akure by the President of Nigeria (2002-2004).

Chief Akintola studied law at the Nigerian Law School and enrolled as a Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in 1964. She was called to the Degree of an Utter Barrister at Lincoln's Inn, London, England, and later called to the Bar of England and Wales. She is a member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, London.

She has presented a number of papers, primarily on women's issues, at international conferences such as the National Council for Women's Societies and the International Bar Association Conferences in Accra, Ghana (1999) and New Delhi, India (1997).

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