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### List of candidates submitted by States parties

#### Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with article 163 and article 165, paragraph 1, of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (“the Convention”), the members of the Legal and Technical Commission are elected by the Council from among the candidates nominated by the States parties for a term of five years. Due account shall be taken of the need for equitable geographical distribution and the representation of special interests. Members of the Commission shall have appropriate qualifications, such as those relevant to exploration for and exploitation and processing of mineral resources, oceanology, protection of the marine environment, or economic or legal matters relating to ocean mining and related fields of expertise. States parties shall nominate candidates of the highest standards of competence and integrity with qualifications in relevant fields so as to ensure the effective exercise of the functions of the Commission. Pursuant to article 163, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the Commission shall be composed of 15 members. However, if necessary, the Council may decide to increase the size of the Commission having due regard to economy and efficiency. Lastly, no State Party may nominate more than one candidate in accordance with article 163, paragraph 5, of the Convention.

2. The terms of office of the current members of the Legal and Technical Commission (“the Commission”) will end on 31 December 2022, recalling that the five-year term was extended by one year owing to the unprecedented circumstances arising out of the pandemic situation ([ISBA/26/C/30](#)).

3. The Council will recall that the agreed procedure for the nomination of candidates to the Commission is as follows ([ISBA/13/C/6](#)):

(a) At least six months before the opening of the session at which the election is to be held, the Secretary-General shall address a written invitation to all members of the Authority to submit their nominations of candidates for election to the Commission;



(b) Nominations for election to the Commission shall be accompanied by a statement of qualification or curriculum vitae setting out the candidate's qualifications and expertise in fields relevant to the work of the Commission and shall be received not less than three months prior to the opening of the relevant session of the Authority; nominations received less than three months prior to the opening of the relevant session of the Authority will not be accepted;

(c) The Secretary-General shall prepare a list in alphabetical order of the persons nominated for election to the Commission in accordance with paragraph (a) above, indicating the nominating member of the Authority, and containing an annex with the statements of qualification or curricula vitae submitted in accordance with paragraph (b) above; the list shall be circulated to all members of the Authority not less than two months prior to the opening of the session at which the election is to be held.

4. The first election for the Commission was held in August 1996. After failing to reach agreement on the balance of regional representation on the Commission, the Council took advantage of the flexibility provided in article 163, paragraph 2, of the Convention and decided to increase the number of seats on the Commission from 15 to 22, without prejudice to future elections. The same procedure was repeated for the elections in 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016. On each occasion, the Council decided to approve all the candidacies submitted, increasing the number of seats on the Commission from 15 to 24 in 2001, to 25 in 2006 and 2011 and to 30 in 2016.

5. In accordance with the agreed procedures, on 18 January 2022, the Secretary-General of the Authority invited members of the Authority to submit nominations of candidates for election to the Commission no later than 18 April 2022.

6. As at 18 April 2022, a total of 29 nominations had been submitted by members of the Authority through the official channels of communication. The names of the persons nominated, together with details of their nominating member States are set out in the table below.

<i>Name and nationality</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Alcock, Mark (Australia)	Australia
Algethami, Noorah (Saudi Arabia)	Saudi Arabia
Aloupi, Niki (France)	France
Aurelio, Juan Mario (Philippines)	Philippines
Camaño Moreno, Andrés (Chile)	Chile
Chaves Pinto Ribeiro, Luísa Joubert (Portugal)	Portugal
Cherkashev, Georgy Alexandrovich (Russian Federation)	Russian Federation
Clark, Malcolm (New Zealand)	New Zealand
Copley, Jon (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Darko, Richard Addo (Ghana)	Ghana
Egede, Edwin (Nigeria)	Nigeria

<i>Name and nationality</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Eriksen, Sissel (Norway)	Norway
Fukushima, Tomohiko (Japan)	Japan
González Minaya, Juan Luis (Dominican Republic)	Dominican Republic
Ha, Dao Viet (Viet Nam)	Viet Nam
Hirsch, Federico Gabriel (Argentina)	Argentina
Ju, Se-Jong (Republic of Korea)	Republic of Korea
Kanu, Michael Imran (Sierra Leone)	Sierra Leone
Lara Cabrera, Erasmo Alonso (Mexico)	Mexico
Maestro González, Adolfo (Spain)	Spain
Marzone, Affonso Rêgo Gavino (Brazil)	Brazil
Metwally, Gamal Abdelrehim Mohamed (Egypt)	Egypt
Nowak, Piotr (Poland)	Poland
Nugroho, Haryo (Indonesia)	Indonesia
Pape, Ellen (Belgium)	Belgium
Rühlemann, Carsten Michael (Germany)	Germany
Tuhumwire, Joshua T. (Uganda)	Uganda
Walker, Michelle (Jamaica)	Jamaica
Yang, Shengxiong (China)	China

7. On 17 March 2022, Mzumbe University, United Republic of Tanzania, forwarded the curricula vitae and names of the following persons as nominations to the Legal and Technical Commission:

- Mtavangu, Vicent
- Mramba, Sist Joseph

As at 18 April 2022, confirmation of those nominations by a note verbale from the permanent mission or a letter from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs had not been received.

8. The statements of qualifications or curricula vitae of the candidates, in the original format and language submitted, are available at <https://isa.org.jm/files/files/documents/CVs-Compilation.pdf>.