



**REPRÉSENTATION PERMANENTE
DE LA FRANCE AUPRÈS DE
L'AUTORITÉ INTERNATIONALE
DES FONDS MARINS**

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26 February 2021

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 7, 14, 31 December 2020 as well as 7, 12 January 2021 concerning the election to fill the vacancies on the Council of the International Seabed Authority in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

In this connection, I wish further to inform that, on 24 February 2021, I received nominations from the Group of Western European and Other States for the election to fill the vacancies on the Council of the International Seabed Authority. Accordingly, I am able to propose that the Assembly consider, under agenda item 18, and adopt, through silence procedure, the Draft decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the election to fill the vacancies on the Council of the Authority in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (See [ISBA/26/A/CRP.4/Rev.1](#) as attached).

To this end, **the proposal to adopt the Draft decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the election to fill the vacancies on the Council of the Authority in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (See [ISBA/26/A/CRP.4/Rev.1](#) as attached), is hereby placed under the silence procedure until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday 3 March 2021 (Jamaica time).**

Any objection to the proposal should be transmitted in writing, by a letter or a note verbale addressed to me, with a clear indication of an objection being raised to the proposal. Such correspondence should be sent by email to secretary-general@isa.org.jm (Cc: assembly@isa.org.jm).

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ambassador Denys Wibaux

President of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

To: All members of the International Seabed Authority