

24 September 2020

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letter dated 21 September 2020 concerning the twenty-sixth session of the Council of the International Seabed Authority which was resumed on that date.

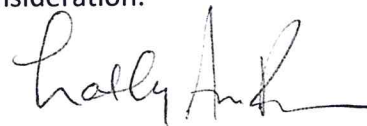
Further to my letter dated 21 September 2020, transmitting a draft decision enabling the Council to adopt decisions by silence procedure, which was placed under silence procedure until 5 p.m. Jamaican time on 24 September 2020, it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, the draft decision annexed to my letter dated 21 September 2020, entitled "Procedure for the adoption of decisions by the Council during the second part of the twenty-sixth session of the International Seabed Authority owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic", is considered adopted by the Council of the International Seabed Authority and is in effect from 5:01 p.m. today, Thursday, 24 September 2020.

The Council of the International Seabed Authority will take note of this decision as its first face-to-face meeting of the second part of the twenty-sixth session to be held at the Jamaica Conference Center in Kingston.

As communicated previously, on Monday 28 September 2020, I will circulate a letter relating to the election of the President of the Council.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Ann Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Kathy-Ann Brown

Acting President of the Council of the  
International Seabed Authority