



**President of the Council of  
the International Seabed Authority**

12 April 2021

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to the twenty-sixth session of Council of the International Seabed Authority, to item 7 ('Election to fill a vacancy on the Legal and Technical Commission in accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, if any.') on the agenda of the Council and to the enclosed Note prepared by the Secretary-General (ISBA/26/C/29).

As mentioned in that Note, the Council of the International Seabed Authority is invited to take a decision on the election of Mr. Hirsch, the candidate nominated by the Argentine Republic, to fill the current vacancy on the Legal and Technical Commission following the resignation of Mr. Maneiro for the remainder of the term expiring on 31 December 2022.

After consultation with the Bureau, I wish to propose that the Council of the International Seabed Authority proceeds with the election of Mr. Hirsch through the 72 hour-silence procedure.

The decision to elect Mr. Hirsch will be deemed adopted by the Council of the International Seabed Authority if no objections are received by 5 pm Jamaica time on 15 April 2021. Objections to the decision to elect Mr. Hirsch should be done in a letter or a note verbale addressed to the President of the Council. Such correspondence should be sent to [Council2020@isa.org.jm](mailto:Council2020@isa.org.jm) (cc: [ola@isa.org.jm](mailto:ola@isa.org.jm)).

I will convey the outcome of the silence procedure concerning the election of Mr. Hirsch by a letter addressed to the Members of the Council of the International Seabed Authority.

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

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President of the Council of the International Seabed Authority

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