



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

19 November 2020

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to the decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority of 23 October 2020 concerning the organization of work and to my letters dated 10 and 16 November 2020.

Further to my letter dated 16 November 2020, transmitting the "Draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority concerning the candidate for the election of the Secretary-General" (ISBA/26/C/L.3) which was placed under silence procedure until 5 pm Jamaica time on 16 November 2020, it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, the draft decision as contained in the document ISBA/26/C/L.3 is considered adopted by the Council of the International Seabed Authority and is in effect from 5:01 pm Thursday 19 November 2020.

The Council will take note of this decision at its first face-to-face meeting and this will be communicated to the President of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority.

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

President of the Council of the International Seabed Authority  
Rear Admiral (Retd.) Md Khurshed Alam