



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

24 December 2020

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 30 November 2020, and my letters dated 3, 15 and 21 December 2020 concerning the budget of the International Seabed Authority which the Council has agreed to consider as a time sensitive issue before the end of December 2020.

Further to my letter dated 21 December 2020, transmitting the Draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to the budget of the Authority for the financial period 2021-2022 (ISBA/26/C/L.4, as amended in the document ISBA/26/C/CRP.3), which was placed under silence procedure until 5 pm Jamaica time on 24 December 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/CRP.3 is considered adopted by the Council of the International Seabed Authority and is in effect from 5:01 pm on Thursday 24 December 2020.

The Council will take note of this decision at its first-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.


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