



**AMBASSADE
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23 November 2020

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 3, 6, 17 and 20 November concerning the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority.

In line with the decisions of the Assembly dated 6 and 20 November 2020 concerning the organization of work and the schedule and modalities for the organization of work of the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly, I wish to refer to item 7 (Election to fill vacancies on the Finance Committee) and item 20 (draft decision of the Assembly to name the museum of the International Seabed Authority in honour of Nii Allotey Odunton) on the agenda of the Assembly. I hereby propose that the Assembly consider, under the silence procedure, the *Election to fill vacancies on the Finance Committee* under the agenda item 7 and the *Draft decision of the Assembly to name the museum of the International Seabed Authority in honour of Nii Allotey Odunton* under the agenda item 20.

(a) Election to fill vacancies on the Finance Committee

I wish to draw the attention of the Assembly to the fact that Mr. Onuma Hiroshi (Japan), Ms. Ahila Sornarajah (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. Sun Zhi (China), and Mr. Mehdi Remaoun (Algeria) resigned from the Finance Committee. The Governments of Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, China and Algeria have nominated Ms. Fujimoto Shoko (see [ISBA/26/A/3](#)), Mr. Philip Dixon (see [ISBA/26/A/6](#)), Mr. Fan Kejun (see [ISBA/26/A/11](#)) and Mr. Abderahmane Zino Izourar (see [ISBA/26/A/13](#)) for the remainder of the terms until 31 December 2021 of Mr. Onuma, Ms. Sornarajah, Mr. Sun, and Mr. Remaoun respectively.

I propose that the Assembly consider the matter of elections to fill vacancies arising from resignations from the Finance Committee under agenda item 7, in accordance with section 9, paragraph 5, of the annex to the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. This is important to ensure the continued effective functioning of the Finance Committee. For that purpose, I propose that each of the four candidates, namely, Ms. Fujimoto Shoko (Japan), Mr. Philip Dixon (United Kingdom), Mr. Fan Kejun (China) and Mr. Abderahmane Zino Izourar (Algeria), be elected for the remainder of the terms of Mr. Onuma Hiroshi, Ms. Ahila Sornarajah, Mr. Sun Zhi, and Mr. Mehdi Remaoun respectively.

Accordingly, **the proposal to elect Ms. Fujimoto Shoko (Japan) for the remainder of the term of Mr. Onuma Hiroshi, the proposal to elect Mr. Philip Dixon (United Kingdom of Great Britain and**

Northern Ireland) for the remainder of the term of Ms. Ahila Sornarajah, the proposal to elect Mr. Fan Kejun (China) for the remainder of the term of Mr. Sun Zhi, and the proposal to elect Mr. Abderahmane Zino Izourar (Algeria) for the remainder of the term of Mr. Mehdi Remaoun are placed under the silence procedure until 17:00 on Thursday, 26 November 2020 (Jamaica time).

Any objection to the above proposal(s) should be transmitted in a letter or a note verbale addressed to me, with a clear indication of the proposal(s) which the objection(s) refer(s) to. Such correspondence should be sent by email to secretary-general@isa.org.jm (cc to ola@isa.org.jm).

(b) Draft decision of the Assembly to name the museum of the International Seabed Authority in honour of Nii Allotey Odunton

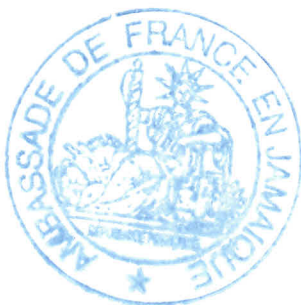
In this regard, it is recalled that the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ghana to the United Nations has forwarded a draft decision submitted by the African Group for the consideration of the Assembly at its twenty-sixth session (See [ISBA/26/A/14](#)).

I propose that the Assembly consider, under agenda item 20 ("other matters"), the draft decision of the Assembly to name the museum of the International Seabed Authority in honour of Nii Allotey Odunton, which is annexed to [ISBA/26/A/14](#) and attached to this letter.

Accordingly, **the proposal to adopt the draft decision of the Assembly to name the museum of the International Seabed Authority in honour of Nii Allotey Odunton (Annex, [ISBA/26/A/14](#)) is placed under the silence procedure until 17:00 on Thursday, 26 November 2020 (Jamaica time).**

Any objection to the above proposal should be transmitted in a letter or a note verbale addressed to me, with a clear indication that an objection is raised. Such correspondence should be sent by email to secretary-general@isa.org.jm (cc to ola@isa.org.jm).

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



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Denys Wibaux".

Ambassador Denys Wibaux
President of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

To: All members of the International Seabed Authority