



**REPRÉSENTATION PERMANENTE  
DE LA FRANCE AUPRÈS DE  
L'AUTORITÉ INTERNATIONALE  
DES FONDS MARINS**

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Fraternité*

28 December 2020

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 3, 6, 17, 20 November and 7 December 2020 concerning the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority.

I wish to recall that, in line with the decision of the Assembly of 20 November 2020 concerning the schedule and modalities for the organization of work of the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly, the Assembly agreed to consider, under agenda items 13, 14 and 15, the report and recommendations of the Finance Committee, adoption of the budget of the Authority and adoption of the scale of assessment for the contribution to the budget of the Authority, on the basis of the recommendations of the Council on these matters.

It is my pleasure to inform that the Council of the Authority, on 24 December 2020, adopted the Decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to the budget of the Authority for the financial period 2021–2022 (See attached [ISBA/26/C/26](#)).

Based on the recommendations of the Council in its Decision relating to the budget of the Authority for the financial period 2021–2022, I propose that the Assembly consider, under agenda items 13, 14 and 15, the report and recommendations of the Finance Committee, adoption of the budget of the Authority and adoption of the scale of assessment for the contribution to the budget of the Authority, and adopt, through silence procedure, the Draft decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the budget of the Authority for the financial period 2021-2022 (See [ISBA/26/A/CRP.3](#) as attached).

**To this end, the proposal to adopt the Draft decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the budget of the Authority for the financial period 2021-2022 (See [ISBA/26/A/CRP.3](#) as attached) is hereby placed under the silence procedure until 5:00pm on Thursday 31 December 2020 (Jamaica time).**

Any objection to the proposal should be transmitted in a letter or a note verbale addressed to me, with a clear indication of an objection being raised to the proposal. Such correspondence should be sent by email to [secretary-general@isa.org.jm](mailto:secretary-general@isa.org.jm) (cc to [assembly@isa.org.jm](mailto:assembly@isa.org.jm)).

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

Ambassador Denys Wibaux

President of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

To: All members of the International Seabed Authority

