



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND FOREIGN TRADE
JAMAICA

26th October 2020

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 17th September as well as letters dated 5th, 12th and 16th October 2020, concerning the Twenty-sixth Session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority.

Further to my letter dated 16th October 2020, notifying the adoption of a decision on the "Procedure for adoption of decisions by the Assembly during the Twenty-sixth Session owing to the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic", I now propose that the Assembly proceed with the election of the President of the Twenty-sixth Session.

In this regard, I wish to recall the practice of rotation of the Presidency of the Assembly among the five regional groups. In the light of this practice, the Group of Western European and Other States has nominated His Excellency Ambassador Denys Wibaux, Permanent Representative of the Republic of France to the International Seabed Authority, as President of the Twenty-sixth Session of the Assembly.

Ambassador Wibaux will be deemed to be elected as President of the Twenty-sixth Session of the Assembly by the silence procedure if no objection is received by the Secretariat by 17:00 on 29th October 2020 (Jamaica Time). Any objections should be transmitted in a letter or a Note Verbale addressed to the President of the Twenty-fifth Session of the Assembly. Such correspondence should be sent in an email to secretary-general@isa.org.jm (cc to: ola@isa.org.jm).

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the pending nominations for the election of Vice-Presidents and the appointment of members of the Credentials Committee of the Twenty-sixth Session of the Assembly. Members of the Authority are reminded to complete their consultations and submit the required nominations as expeditiously as possible.

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

Kamina Johnson Smith
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Members of the International Seabed Authority