



**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
AND FOREIGN TRADE  
JAMAICA**

29<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 17<sup>th</sup> September, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020, concerning the Twenty-sixth Session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority.

Further to my letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020, containing a proposal that Ambassador Denys Wibaux, Permanent Representative of the Republic of France to the International Seabed Authority, be deemed elected as President of the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Assembly of the Authority, which was placed under the silence procedure by 17:00 on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (Jamaica time), it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, Ambassador Wibaux is deemed elected by the Assembly as from 17:01, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020. I would like to warmly congratulate Ambassador Wibaux on his election and wish him a successful Session of the Assembly.

The Assembly will take note of this decision at its first face-to-face meeting.

Finally, I wish to seize this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to the members of the Authority for their valuable support to my work during the Twenty-fifth Session and the initial organizational work of the Twenty-sixth Session of the Assembly under these challenging circumstances due to COVID-19 pandemic. I also take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Bureau of the Twenty-fifth Session for their equally valuable support, as well as the Secretary-General, the Legal Counsel and Deputy to the Secretary-General and all staff of the Secretariat of the Authority for their support.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kamina Johnson Smith'.

Kamina Johnson Smith  
President of the Twenty-fifth Session of the Assembly

**To: All members of the Authority**