



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

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3 December 2020

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 3, 6, 17, 20 and 30 November 2020 concerning the Twenty-Sixth Session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority.

In my letter dated 30 November 2020, I proposed the adoption of the Draft decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority, concerning the election of the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority ([ISBA/26/A/L.2](#)) under the silence procedure, until 17:00 on Thursday, 3 December 2020 (Jamaica time).

It is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure in relation to the above-mentioned draft decision has concluded without objection. Accordingly, the Draft decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority, concerning the election of the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority ([ISBA/26/A/L.2](#)) is considered adopted by the Assembly as of 17:01, on Thursday, 3 December 2020 (Jamaica time).

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

I would like to congratulate, on behalf of the members of the Assembly, Mr. Michael Lodge on his re-election as the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority for a four-year term from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2024.

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