

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Note No ISA/EOSG/2020/130

The Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority presents his compliments to the Members of the Council of the International Seabed Authority.

The attention of Members of the Council is drawn to the to the letter dated 2 September 2020 from the Acting President of the twenty-sixth session of the Council available at

https://isa.org.jm/files/files/documents/NV_CouncilMembers_26th%20Session.pdf.

In accordance with the proposal contained in her letter, to which no objection was received, the second part of the twenty-sixth session of the Council will resume on 21 September 2020.

In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to remind that, pursuant to rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council (Submission of credentials), credentials of representatives should be duly signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any person authorized by either of them.

In order to facilitate the submission of credentials, Members of the Council are kindly urged to transmit any of the following by email to the Secretariat at cgriffiths@isa.org.jm in pdf or an image format, as soon as possible and no later than 5:00 p.m. on 5 October 2020:

- a scanned copy of the formal credentials from the Head of State or Government, from the Minister for Foreign Affairs or a person authorized by him or her; or
- a scanned copy of a note verbale from either the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Permanent Mission to the International Seabed Authority containing provisional information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Council.

A list of delegates conveyed in the body of an email message will not be considered as sufficient for the purposes of the report on credentials by the Secretary-General as required by rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.



In the absence of an acknowledgment of receipt, it should be assumed that the communication concerning the credentials has not been received by the Secretariat.

The original hard copy of the formal credentials should be brought to the Secretariat on the first day of the in-person meetings. Therefore, at this time, Members of the Council are kindly requested <u>not</u> to mail or hand-deliver formal credentials.

Delegations who have submitted credentials covering the of the twenty-sixth session do not need to submit additional credentials for the second part of the session. In that regard, the annex to this note verbale provides the list of credentials as received by the Secretariat.

The Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the members of the Council of the Authority the assurances of his highest consideration.

14 September 2020



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