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**Draft decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the election to fill the vacancies on the Council of the Authority, in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

*The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority,*

*Recalling* that, in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea:

“Elections shall take place at regular sessions of the Assembly. Each member of the Council shall be elected for four years”,

*Elects* the following to fill the vacancies in the Council of the International Seabed Authority for a four-year period as from 1 January 2009, subject to the understandings reached in the regional and interest groups:<sup>1</sup>

**Group A**

China  
Japan

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\* Reissued for technical reasons.

<sup>1</sup> The agreed allocation of seats on the Council is 10 seats to the African Group, 9 seats to the Asian Group, 8 seats to the Western European and Others Group, 7 seats to the Latin American and Caribbean Group and 3 seats to the Eastern European Group. Since the total number of seats allocated according to that formula is 37, it is understood that, in accordance with the understanding reached in 1996 (ISBA/A/L.8), each regional group other than the Eastern European Group will relinquish a seat in rotation. The regional group that relinquishes a seat will have the right to designate a member of that group to participate in the deliberations of the Council without the right to vote for the period during which the regional group relinquishes the seat.

**Group B<sup>2</sup>**

India

**Group C**

Canada

South Africa

**Group D**

Bangladesh

Brazil

Sudan

**Group E**

Angola

Argentina

Czech Republic

Guyana

Kenya

Namibia

Senegal

Netherlands

Poland

Spain

Trinidad and Tobago

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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<sup>2</sup> The Republic of Korea, having been elected for a four-year term in 2006 as a member of Group E, will relinquish its seat in Group E with effect from 1 January 2009 and will take up the seat in Group B that was previously occupied by the United Kingdom for the remainder of the term of the Republic of Korea, without prejudice to future elections.