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Election to fill a vacancy on the Finance Committee in accordance with section 9 of the annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Assembly is invited to note that Chris Whomersley (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) has resigned from the Finance Committee effective 6 June 2014. Mr. Whomersley was elected by the Assembly at the seventeenth session of the International Seabed Authority as a member of the Finance Committee for a term of five years beginning on 1 January 2012.
2. Section 9, paragraph 5, of the annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea provides that, in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Finance Committee prior to the expiration of the term of office, the Assembly shall elect for the remainder of the term a member from the same geographical region or group of States.
3. In accordance with section 9 of the annex to the Agreement, the Finance Committee shall be composed of 15 members with appropriate qualifications relevant to financial matters. Members of the Finance Committee shall be elected by the Assembly.
4. By a note verbale dated 6 June 2014, the High Commission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland informed the secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Nicola Smith to fill the vacant seat on the Finance Committee left by Mr. Whomersley for the remainder of his term ending on 31 December 2016. The curriculum vitae of Ms. Smith appears in the annex to the present document.



Annex

Curriculum vitae*

Nicola Smith (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Nicola Smith joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom as an Assistant Legal Adviser in 2011 and works within the team that has responsibility for the International Seabed Authority and the overall policy of the United Kingdom on the law of the sea. Since 2013, she has been a member of the delegation of the United Kingdom to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction. She was also Legal Adviser to the Commissioner of the United Kingdom to the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources at the Commission meetings in 2013.

Before joining the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Ms. Smith worked as lawyer in the Treasury Solicitor's Department of the United Kingdom, a non-ministerial department, providing legal advice to a range of Government departments. She qualified as a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales in 2003.

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