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## **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 2015, subject to the understandings reached in the regional and interest groups:<sup>1</sup>

### **Group A**

Italy<sup>2</sup>

Russian Federation

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<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 which 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 during the period the regional group relinquishes the seat.

<sup>2</sup> Italy would relinquish its seat in Group A in favour of the United States if the United States became a member of the Authority; this does not prejudice the position of any country with respect to any intervening election to the Council.



**Group B**

France  
Germany<sup>3</sup>  
Republic of Korea

**Group C**

Australia<sup>4</sup>  
Chile<sup>5</sup>

**Group D**

Fiji  
Jamaica  
Lesotho

**Group E**

Cameroon  
Ghana  
Indonesia<sup>6</sup>  
Mexico  
Nigeria  
Singapore  
Tonga

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<sup>3</sup> Germany is re-elected for a period of four years (2015-2018), on the understanding that Belgium will occupy the seat in Group B for the year 2016.

<sup>4</sup> Australia is re-elected for a period of four years (2015-2018), on the understanding that in 2017 it will relinquish its seat in Group C to Indonesia. Australia will be a member of Group E in 2017.

<sup>5</sup> Chile is re-elected for a period of four years (2015-2018), on the understanding that in 2018 it will relinquish its seat in Group C to Indonesia. Chile will be a member of Group E in 2018.

<sup>6</sup> Indonesia is re-elected to the Council for a period of four years (2015-2018) on the understanding that in 2017 it will relinquish its seat in Group E to Australia and will occupy the seat in Group C relinquished by Australia, and in 2018 Indonesia will relinquish its seat in Group E to Chile and will occupy the seat in Group C relinquished by Chile.