



## Assembly

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### **Election to fill a vacancy on the Finance Committee, in accordance with 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 of 10 December 1982**

#### **Note by the Secretary-General**

1. The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority is invited to note that Olivier Guyonvarch (France) resigned from the Finance Committee with effect from 26 May 2017. He had been elected by the Assembly at its twenty-second session as a member of the Committee for a term of five years beginning on 1 January 2017 ([ISBA/22/A/14](#)).
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 of 10 December 1982 provides that, in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the 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 Committee is to be composed of 15 members with appropriate qualifications relevant to financial matters. Members of the Committee are to be elected by the Assembly.
4. By a note verbale dated 17 June 2017, the Permanent Mission of France informed the secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Didier Ortolland to fill the vacant seat on the Committee left by Mr. Guyonvarch for the remainder of his term ending on 31 December 2021. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Ortolland is contained in the annex to the present note.



## Annex

### **Curriculum vitae\***

#### **Didier Ortolland (France)**

Assistant Director for the Law of the Sea, River Law and Polar Affairs in the Legal Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France.

#### **Previous positions**

Head of the South-East Asia Division (Asia Directorate 2013-2016)

Consul General of France in Bilbao, Spain (2010-2013)

Diplomatic posts: Deputy Head of Mission: Congo, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Namibia, Botswana, Philippines

First Secretary: Nicaragua, Israel

Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1984 after having worked in the Caisse des dépôts et consignations

#### **Publications**

*Atlas géopolitique des espaces maritimes* (with J.P. Pirat; eds. Technip 2008 and 2010)

*Hydrocarbures et conflits* (collective book; ed. Technip 2012)

Articles on maritime delimitations (*Nouvelle revue de géopolitique, Les cahiers du quai d'Orsay, Le Monde diplomatique*)

Award of the Société de géographie (2009)

Born on 18 November 1956

Education: Institut d'études politiques, law degree

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