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DECISION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY  
RELATING TO THE ELECTION TO FILL VACANCIES  
ON THE COUNCIL

The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority,

Noting that Canada and the United States of America ceased to be members of the International Seabed Authority on 16 November 1998,

Noting further that, on 26 March 1998, Canada was elected as a member of Group C of the Council and the United States of America was elected as a member of Group A of the Council respectively, for a four-year period as from 1 January 1999,

Elects the following to fill the vacancies in the Council as from 1 January 1999, subject to the understandings reached in the regional and interest groups<sup>1</sup>:

Group A

Italy<sup>2</sup>

Group C

Australia<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> ISBA/A/L.8 and Corr.1, ISBA/4/A/6\*.

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

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<sup>3</sup> Group C is consulting with regard to the further implications of this decision, including the possibility of Canada becoming a member of the International Seabed Authority.