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ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE LEGAL AND TECHNICAL COMMISSION
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION C, ARTICLE 163, PARAGRAPH 7, OF PART
XI OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Council is invited to note that Mr. H.P. Rajan (India), member of the Legal and Technical Commission ("the Commission"), resigned from the Commission on 7 May 1999. Mr. Rajan was elected as a member of the Commission on 15 August 1996 for a term of five years (ISBA/C/L.3, para.7).
2. In accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ("the Convention") and rule 80, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the International Seabed Authority, in the event of death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Commission prior to the expiration of the term of office, the Council shall elect for the remainder of the term, a member from the same geographical region or area of interest.
3. Article 163, paragraph 3, of the Convention and rule 81 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council provide that members of the Commission shall have appropriate qualifications in the area of competence of the Commission, and States Parties shall nominate candidates of the highest standards of competence and integrity with qualifications in the relevant fields so as to ensure the effective exercise of the functions of the Commission.

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4. By a Note Verbale dated 3 August 1999 from the High Commission in Jamaica, the Government of India informed the Secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Mr. S.K. Das, Adviser, Department of Ocean Development, as candidate for the election to fill the vacant seat on the Commission. The Curriculum Vitae of Mr. Das appears in the annex to the present document.¹

¹ The Curriculum Vitae of Mr. Das is reproduced as received, in the original language of submission.