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> Election to fill a vacancy on the Legal and Technical Commission in accordance with Part XI, section 4, subsection C, article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Council is invited to note that Jean-Pierre Lenoble (France), member of the Legal and Technical Commission, has resigned. Mr. Lenoble was first elected a member of the Commission on 15 August 1996 and was re-elected on 5 July 2001 for another term of five years.

2. In accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and rule 80, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the International Seabed Authority, in the event of the 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.

4. By a note verbale dated 11 March 2004, the Embassy of France in Jamaica informed the Secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Jean-Marie Auzende, marine geologist, as a candidate for the election to fill the vacant seat on the Commission. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Auzende appears in the annex to the present document.

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Annex

[Original: French]

Jean-Marie Auzende (France)

Born: 7 August 1944 in Aubagne (Bouches-du-Rhone)

Education

1964	Masters degree in biology, University of Marseilles — Saint Charles
1966	Master's degree in geology, University of Marseilles — Saint Charles
1968	Diploma for advanced studies (DEA) in dynamic geology, University of
	Paris — Sorbonne
1969	PhD (Docteur de 3eme cycle), Paris (Seismic reflection study of the
	Algerian-Tunisian continental border)
1978	State doctorate in science (Docteur d'état ès Sciences), Paris VII (History
	of the tertiary in the Western Mediterranean)

Work experience

1 February 1970	Joined the National Centre for the Exploitation of the Oceans
	(CNEXO)
1970-1978	Work on the kinematics and structure of the Western
	Mediterranean and the Central Atlantic
1978-1985	Work on the continental margins of the Atlantic and Mediterranean
Since 1985	Work studying mainly oceanic accretion and fracture zones in the
	Central Atlantic, the Pacific and the back-arc basins of the SW
	Pacific
Since 1994	Coordination of the ZoNeCo programme to evaluate marine
	resources in New Caledonia
2000-2002	Regional official for research and technology in New Caledonia,
	head of mission in the Office of the High Commissioner of the
	Republic

Scientific publications

254 scientific publications, 174 of them in professional journals

223 communications to colloquia

Research voyages

52 voyages, 28 were as head of mission

Training of researchers, thesis advising

Teaching in the advanced studies (DEA) programme at the University of Western Brittany

Thesis adviser for 13 students

Training of 15 students in the advanced studies (DEA) programme

Member of the jury for more than 20 theses and advanced studies diplomas

Leadership and group memberships

Membership in committees:

Submersible, until 1990

Tethys, until 1992

National Programme for Hydrothermal Vent Study (PNEHO), until 1992

Marine Geosciences, the National Institute for Sciences of the Universe (INSU), until 1992

Museographie, until 1992

Dorsales bathymetric and geophysical database project, from its inception until 1992

Co-director of the GEDO research group (including CNRS, UBO, IFREMER, ORSTOM and BRGM), from 1987 to 1992

Chairman of the STARMER Scientific Committee (from 1987 to 1993) — Franco-Japanese Cooperation

Scientific Coordinator of the ZoNeCo programme (since 1994) — Evaluation of resources in the New Caledonia economic zone

Chairman of the New STARMER Steering Committee (since 1994) — Franco-Japanese Cooperation

French leader of the FAUST study group (1998) — Franco-Australian Cooperation

Co-Chairman of the working group on back-arc basins of the inter-ridge (since 1997)

Vice-President of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PEEC) Committee of New Caledonia

Vice-President of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel GEST/NC

Counsellor for Foreign Trade of France

Scientific leader of the Mazagan Franco-German cooperation

Scientific leader of the Cyaporc Franco-British cooperation

Member of the Marine Geology editorial board