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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 for a four-year period as from 1 January 2007, subject to the understandings reached in the regional and interest groups:

Group A

Italy
Russian Federation

Group B

France
Germany

Group C

Canada
Indonesia

Group D

Egypt
Fiji
Jamaica

Group E

Cameroon
Côte d'Ivoire
Honduras
Mexico
Nigeria
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Viet Nam

Notes

- ¹ 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. In this context, during the period 2005-2008: in 2005, Trinidad and Tobago will relinquish its seat in Group E on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, which will occupy six seats in that year; in 2006, Canada will relinquish its seat on behalf of the Group of Western European and Other States, which will occupy 7 seats in that year; in 2007, Senegal will relinquish its seat on behalf of the African Group, which will occupy 9 seats in that year; and in 2008, the Asian Group will occupy 8 seats. The Asian Group will nominate the member that will relinquish a seat in 2008.
- ² The arrangements for Groups A and B are without prejudice to future elections for the two groups and any interim arrangements for the substitutions in those groups.
- ³ Canada will relinquish its seat in Group C to Australia from 1 January 2009 for two years.
- ⁴ Honduras will relinquish its seat in Group E to Chile from 1 January 2009 for two years.

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