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**Draft 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:<sup>1</sup>

**Group A<sup>2</sup>**

Italy  
Russian Federation

**Group B**

France  
Germany

**Group C**

Canada<sup>3</sup>  
Indonesia

**Group D**

Egypt  
Fiji  
Jamaica

**Group E**

Cameroon  
Côte d'Ivoire  
Honduras<sup>4</sup>  
Mexico  
Nigeria  
Qatar  
Republic of Korea  
Viet Nam

*Notes*

<sup>1</sup> 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 for the period 2005-2008 each regional group other than the Eastern European Group will relinquish a seat in rotation as follows:

- (a) 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;
- (b) In 2006, Canada will relinquish its seat on behalf of the Group of Western European and Other States, which will occupy seven seats in that year;
- (c) In 2007, Senegal will relinquish its seat on behalf of the African Group, which will occupy nine seats in that year;
- (d) In 2008, the Asian Group will occupy eight seats. The Asian Group will nominate the member that will relinquish a seat in 2008.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Canada will relinquish its seat in Group C to Australia from 1 January 2009 for two years.

<sup>4</sup> Honduras will relinquish its seat in Group E to Chile from 1 January 2009 for two years.