



**REPRÉSENTATION PERMANENTE
DE LA FRANCE AUPRÈS DE
L'AUTORITÉ INTERNATIONALE
DES FONDS MARINS**

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3 March 2021

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 7, 14, 31 December 2020 as well as 7, 12 January and 26 February 2021 concerning the election to fill the vacancies on the Council of the International Seabed Authority in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Further to my letter dated 26 February 2021 transmitting the 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 (as contained in ISBA/26/A/CRP.4/Rev.1), which was placed under the silence procedure until 5:00pm on Wednesday 3 March 2021 (Jamaica time), it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, the 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 (as contained in ISBA/26/A/CRP.4/Rev.1) is considered adopted by the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority.

I would like to congratulate the member States concerned on their election to the membership of the Council.

The Assembly will take note of this decision at its first face-to-face meeting.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ambassador Denys Wibaux

President of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

To: All members of the International Seabed Authority