



INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Note No ISA/EOSG/2020/141

The Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority presents his compliments to the Members of the International Seabed Authority.

The attention of Members of the Authority is drawn to the to the letters dated 17 and 23 September 2020 from the President of the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly, which are available at <https://www.isa.org.jm/node/19747>. In accordance with the proposal contained in her letter of 17 September 2020, to which no objection was received as per her letter of 23 September 2020, the twenty-sixth session of the Assembly will be opened on 5 October 2020.

In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to remind that, pursuant to rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly (Submission of credentials), the credentials of representatives shall be issued either by the Head of the State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or person authorized by the Minister.

In order to facilitate the submission of credentials, Members of the Authority are kindly urged to transmit any of the following by email to the Secretariat at cgriffiths@isa.org.jm in pdf or an image format, as soon as possible and no later than 5:00 p.m. on 26 October 2020 (Jamaica Time), mainly:

- a) a scanned copy of the formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or a person authorized by the Minister; or
- b) a scanned copy of a note verbale from either the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or the Permanent Mission to the International Seabed Authority or the Permanent Mission to the United Nations, containing provisional information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Assembly, pending the submission of the formal credentials.

A list of delegates conveyed in the body of an email message will not be considered as sufficient for the purposes of the report on credentials by the Credentials Committee as required by rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.



In the absence of an acknowledgment of receipt, it should be assumed that the communication concerning the credentials has not been received by the Secretariat.

The original hard copy of the formal credentials should be brought to the Secretariat on the first day of the in-person meetings. Therefore, at this time, Members of the Authority are kindly requested not to mail or hand-deliver formal credentials.

Delegations who have submitted credentials valid for the entire twenty-sixth session of the Authority (covering the meetings of the Assembly and the Council) do not need to resubmit or submit additional credentials. For those who have not done so, it is suggested that an indication that it is for the “twenty-sixth session of the Authority” be included in submitting credentials or in the note verbal referred to above.

The Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the members of the Authority the assurances of his highest consideration.

28 September 2020



To: All Members of the International Seabed Authority