



## The Secretary-General

Note No. ISA/EOSG/2021/124

The Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority presents his compliments to the members of the Council of the International Seabed Authority and has the honour to refer to the request submitted by a member of the Council on 20 October 2021 for the alteration of the dates of the in-person meetings of the Council initially planned from 6 to 10 December 2021. Pursuant to rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the Authority, this request was transmitted to members of the Council by note verbale no. ISA/EOSG/2021/116.

The Secretary-General conveys that, following the expiry of fifteen days from the date of the request, a majority of the members of the Council did not concur with the proposal to alter the dates of the in-person meetings in December 2021. Therefore, the dates of the in-person meetings of the Council from 6 to 10 December 2021 remain unaltered.

In addition, the Secretary-General expresses his appreciation for the comments received from some members of the Council in relation to the modalities under which the in-person meetings of the Council will take place in December 2021. In light of this, the Secretary-General has the honour to inform members of the Council of his intention to hold further consultations with the Host Country, the Government of Jamaica, and with the Presidents of the Assembly and of the Council. The Secretary-General will then share any required updates to the modalities of the in-person meetings to be held in December 2021 with all members and observers of the Authority as early as possible.

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

4 November 2021



All members of the Council of the International Seabed Authority