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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Council of the International Seabed Authority is invited to note that Federico Gabriel Hirsch (Argentina), member of the Legal and Technical Commission, has tendered his letter of resignation dated 11 October 2023. Mr Hirsch had been elected by the Council a member of the Commission on 24 August 2022 for a term of five years ending on 31 December 2027.¹
2. In accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and rule 80, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Council, in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Commission prior to the expiration of the term of office, the Council shall elect for the remainder of the term a member from the same geographical region or area of interest.
3. Article 163, paragraph 3, of the Convention and rule 81 of the rules of procedure of the Council provide that members of the Commission shall have appropriate qualifications in the area of competence of the Commission and that States parties shall nominate candidates of the highest standards of competence and integrity with qualifications in the relevant fields so as to ensure the effective exercise of the functions of the Commission.
4. By a note verbale dated 12 October 2023, the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the International Seabed Authority informed the Secretariat of the nomination of Mr. Juan Pablo Paniego, as a candidate to fill the vacant seat on the Commission resulting from the resignation of Mr. Hirsch for the remainder of his term. The curriculum vitae of Juan Pablo Paniego is available via this link [CVJ.P. Paniego](#).
5. The Council is invited to take a decision on the election of Mr. Juan Pablo Paniego to fill the current vacancy.

¹ See [ISBA/27/C/41/Add.1](#)