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Commission in accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of
the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, if any**

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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Council of the International Seabed Authority is invited to note that, on 4 July 2025, the Permanent Mission of Chile to the International Seabed Authority formally communicated, through a note verbale, the resignation of Andrés Camaño Moreno from the Commission. Mr. Camaño Moreno was elected on 24 August 2022 to serve a five-year term beginning on 1 January 2023 (see [ISBA/27/C/41/Add.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 the same note verbale, the Permanent Mission of Chile to the International Seabed Authority informed the secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Rodrigo Miguel Urquiza Caroca, a lawyer with experience in international regulation and multilateral negotiations, as a candidate to fill the vacancy resulting from



Mr. Camaño Moreno's resignation. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Urquiza Caroca is available on the website of the Authority.¹

5. The secretariat invites the Council to take a decision on the election of Mr. Urquiza Caroca to fill the current vacancy on the Commission.

¹ See <https://www.isa.org.jm/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/7-July-2025-NV-from-Government-of-Chile-communicating-resignation.pdf>. The curriculum vitae is available in the language of submission only.