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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority is invited to note that Kajal Bhat (India) resigned from the Finance Committee with effect from 12 July 2025. She had been elected by the Assembly at its twenty-seventh session as a member of the Committee for a term of five years commencing on 1 January 2023 and ending on 31 December 2027 (see [ISBA/27/A/15](#)).
2. Section 9, paragraph 5, of the annex to the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 provides that, in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Committee prior to the expiration of the term of office, the Assembly shall elect for the remainder of the term a member from the same geographical region or group of States.
3. By a note verbale dated 12 July 2025, the Permanent Mission of India to the International Seabed Authority informed the secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Yedla Umasankar to fill the seat on the Committee left vacant by Ms. Bhat for the remainder of her term ending on 31 December 2027. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Umasankar is available on the website of the Authority.¹

* [ISBA/30/A/L.1/Rev.1](#).

¹ See www.isa.org.jm/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Annexure-II-Yedla-Umasankar-CV-2025-2.pdf.

