



PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
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Excellencies,

Further to my letter dated 21 August 2020, and in accordance with the decision on the conduct of the election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea adopted at the plenary meeting of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, held on Monday, 24 August 2020, I am pleased to announce the results of the vote for the election of seven members of the International Tribunal of Law of the Sea as set out below.

Having obtained the largest number of votes and the required two-thirds majority of the States Parties present and voting, which includes a majority of the States Parties, Mr. David J. Attard (Malta), Ms. Ida Caracciolo (Italy), Mr. Jielong Duan (China), Ms. María Teresa Infante Caffi (Chile), Mr. Maurice Kengne Kamga (Cameroon), and Mr. Markiyan Kulyk (Ukraine) are elected as members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. The detailed results are attached as **Annex A**.

I congratulate Mr. Attard, Ms. Caracciolo, Mr. Duan, Ms. Infante Caffi, Mr. Kamga, and Mr. Kulyk on their election as members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

There still remains one seat to be filled from among the candidates from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

In accordance with the decision adopted this morning, rule 66 of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties (SPLOS/2/Rev.5) will apply. Thus, the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties will hold a second meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, 25 August 2020, from 10.00 a.m., in the General Assembly Hall, to conduct the first restricted ballot.

The second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) will be restricted to the two candidates from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States who were not elected but obtained the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely Ms. Kathy-Ann Brown (Jamaica) and Mr. Rodrigo Fernandes More (Brazil).

Information on the conduct of the election is enclosed in **Annex B**.

I thank the tellers and the staff of the United Nations Secretariat for their assistance in the first round of the election held today.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.



H.E. Burhan Gafoor

President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Representatives of States
Parties to the United
Nations Convention on the
Law of the Sea

Annex A

24 August 2020

TELLERS REPORT

Thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

RESULTS of the VOTE IN THE FIRST BALLOT

Number of votes obtained were:

African States Group

Number of Seats to be filled	<u>1</u>
Number of ballot papers	<u>166</u>
Number of Invalid ballots	<u>0</u>
Number of Valid ballots	<u>166</u>
Abstentions	<u>9</u>

Number of members present and voting 157

Required majority: 2/3 of present and voting 105

Majority of the States parties 84

Candidate	Nationality	Votes Received	Elected
KAMGA, Maurice Kengne	Cameroon	157	Yes

TELLERS REPORT

Thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
Election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

RESULTS of the VOTE IN THE FIRST BALLOT

Number of votes obtained were:

Asia-Pacific States Group

Number of Seats to be filled	<u>1</u>
Number of ballot papers	<u>166</u>
Number of Invalid ballots	<u>0</u>
Number of Valid ballots	<u>166</u>
Abstentions	<u>17</u>

Number of members present and voting	<u>149</u>
Required majority: 2/3 of present and voting	<u>100</u>
Majority of the States parties	<u>84</u>

Candidate	Nationality	Votes Received	Elected
DUAN, Jielong	China	149	Yes

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RESULTS of the VOTE IN THE FIRST BALLOT

Number of votes obtained were:

Eastern European States Group

Number of Seats to be filled	<u>1</u>
Number of ballot papers	<u>166</u>
Number of Invalid ballots	<u>0</u>
Number of Valid ballots	<u>166</u>
Abstentions	<u>16</u>

Number of members present and voting 150

Required majority: 2/3 of present and voting 100

Majority of the States parties 84

Candidate	Nationality	Votes Received	Elected
KULYK, Markiyan	Ukraine	150	Yes

TELLERS REPORT

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Election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

RESULTS of the VOTE IN THE FIRST BALLOT

Number of votes obtained were:

Latin American and Caribbean States Group

Number of Seats to be filled	<u>2</u>
Number of ballot papers	<u>166</u>
Number of Invalid ballots	<u>2</u>
Number of Valid ballots	<u>164</u>
Abstentions	<u>1</u>

Number of members present and voting	<u>163</u>
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Required majority: 2/3 of present and voting	<u>109</u>
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Majority of the States parties	<u>84</u>
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Candidate	Nationality	Votes Received	Elected
INFANTE CAFFI, María Teresa	Chile	120	Yes
BROWN, Kathy-Ann	Jamaica	94	No
MORE, Rodrigo Fernandes	Brazil	80	No
MATA PRATES, Carlos Alberto	Uruguay	24	No

TELLERS REPORT

Thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
Election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

RESULTS of the VOTE IN THE FIRST BALLOT

Number of votes obtained were:

Western European and other States Group

Number of Seats to be filled	<u>1</u>
Number of ballot papers	<u>166</u>
Number of Invalid ballots	<u>0</u>
Number of Valid ballots	<u>166</u>
Abstentions	<u>6</u>

Number of members present and voting	<u>160</u>
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Required majority: 2/3 of present and voting	<u>107</u>
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Majority of the States parties	<u>84</u>
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Candidate	Nationality	Votes Received	Elected
ATTARD, David J.	Malta	160	Yes

TELLERS REPORT

Thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
Election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

RESULTS of the VOTE IN THE FIRST BALLOT

Number of votes obtained were:

African States Group, Asian States Group, Western European and other States Group

Number of Seats to be filled	<u>1</u>
Number of ballot papers	<u>166</u>
Number of Invalid ballots	<u>0</u>
Number of Valid ballots	<u>166</u>
Abstentions	<u>7</u>

Number of members present and voting	<u>159</u>
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Required majority: 2/3 of present and voting	<u>106</u>
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Majority of the States parties	<u>84</u>
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Candidate	Nationality	Group	Votes Received	Elected
CARACCIOLO, Ida	Italy	WEO	159	Yes

Annex B

Election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea *Second round (first restricted ballot)*

Vacant seat

1. There remains one seat to be filled from among the candidates from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

Candidates

2. In accordance with rule 66 of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties (SPLOS/2/Rev.5), this second round of balloting will be restricted to the two candidates from among the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States who were not elected but obtained the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely Ms. Kathy-Ann Brown (Jamaica) and Mr. Rodrigo Fernandes More (Brazil).

Required majority

3. The candidate who obtains the largest number of votes and a two-thirds majority of the States Parties present and voting shall be declared elected, provided that such majority includes a majority of the States Parties.

Conduct of the election

4. Other relevant information regarding the conduct of the election, including the casting of ballots and results, is set out in the information note entitled “*Logistical and procedural aspects of the election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea*”, appended as “Annex III” to the letter dated 21 August 2020 from the President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties, available at www.un.org/Depts/los/meeting_states_parties/documents/20200821UnNvStates30MspEFLetterRev.pdf.

Arrival time slots

5. The time slots for the arrival of delegates on Tuesday, 25 August 2020 are set out in “Annex II” to the letter dated 21 August 2020 from the President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties, available at: www.un.org/Depts/los/meeting_states_parties/documents/20200821UnNvStates30MspEFLetterRev.pdf.

Registration

6. In order to minimize exposure and risks related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, participation in the second round of election should be restricted to delegates that have participated in the first round of election or have otherwise registered their name through the online registration form.