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The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations presents its compliments to Permanent Missions to the United Nations of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and has the honour to refer to the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to transmit attached herewith two letters dated 24 July 2020 from the President of the twenty-ninth Meeting of States Parties addressed to the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of States Parties to the Convention regarding the outcome of the consultations concerning the proposed "Procedure for taking decisions of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic"; and the election of the President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties, respectively.

The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Permanent Missions to the United Nations of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea the assurances of its highest consideration.


 24 July 2020



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Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 11 May, 23 June, 6 July, 9 July and 21 July 2020, concerning the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Further to my letter dated 21 July 2020, transmitting a revised draft decision enabling the thirtieth Meeting to adopt decisions by silence procedure, which was placed under silence procedure until 5:00 p.m. on 24 July 2020, it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, the revised draft decision annexed to my letter dated 21 July 2020, entitled "Procedure for taking decisions of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic", is considered adopted by the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties and is in effect from 5:01 p.m. today, Friday, 24 July 2020, as decision 30/1.

The thirtieth Meeting will take note of this decision at its first plenary meeting to be held at the United Nations Headquarters.

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

Michael Imran Kanu (SJD)

President of the twenty-ninth Meeting of States Parties to
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Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 11 May, 23 June, 6 July, 9 July, 21 July as well as my other letter dated 24 July 2020, concerning the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Further to my letter dated 24 July 2020, notifying the States Parties of the adoption of a decision by the thirtieth Meeting to enable it to take decisions by silence procedure (decision 30/1), I now propose that States Parties proceed with the election of the President of the thirtieth Meeting.

In this regard, I wish to recall the practice of rotation of the Presidency of the Meeting of States Parties among the five regional groups. In the light of this practice, the Group of Asia-Pacific States has nominated His Excellency Ambassador Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Singapore to the United Nations, as President of the thirtieth Meeting.

In the absence of other nominations, Ambassador Gafoor will be deemed to be elected as President of the thirtieth Meeting by the silence procedure pursuant to decision 30/1 if no objection is received by the Secretariat by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 July 2020. Any objections should be transmitted in a letter or a note verbale addressed to the President of the twenty-ninth Meeting of States Parties. Such correspondence should be sent in an email to doalos@un.org (cc to: santosuosso@un.org).

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to a number of pending nominations for the election of Vice-Presidents and the appointment of members of the Credentials Committee of the thirtieth Meeting. States Parties are reminded to complete their consultations and submit the required nominations as expeditiously as possible.

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

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