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Resumption of the thirty-fourth Meeting of States Parties

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following, pursuant to rule 5 (*Notification*) of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties ([SPLOS/2/Rev.5](#)):

A resumed thirty-fourth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held in New York on 27 November 2024, in Conference Room 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The resumed thirty-fourth Meeting will be convened for the purpose of filling two seats in the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf allocated to the members of the Commission from African States and from Eastern European States, respectively.

The list of candidates nominated for election to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf will be contained in the note by the Secretary-General, which will be issued as [SPLOS/34/14](#) following the end of the period for the nomination of candidates on 18 October 2024.

Article 2, paragraph 3, of annex II to the Convention provides, *inter alia*, that “[e]lections of the members of the Commission shall be held at a meeting of States Parties convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters. At that meeting, for which two thirds of the States Parties shall constitute a quorum, the persons elected to the Commission shall be those nominees who obtain a two-thirds majority of the votes of the representatives of States Parties present and voting. ...”

Given the requirement concerning the quorum, participation of all States Parties is of utmost importance.

Details concerning the conduct of the election, for the approval of the Meeting, will be contained in the note by the Secretary-General, to be issued as [SPLOS/34/13](#) in due course.

Credentials

The attention of the States Parties to the Convention is drawn to rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure (*Submission of credentials*). It is further recalled, in this regard, that on 12 June 2024, the thirty-fourth Meeting of States Parties approved the report of the Credentials Committee. It also accepted, based on an oral report by the Chair of the Committee, credentials and information concerning the appointment of

representatives received after the Committee held its meeting on 11 June 2024. The Meeting approved credentials and information concerning the appointment of representatives on the understanding that the credentials of representatives to the thirty-fourth Meeting would continue to be valid, in accordance with rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure, until the convening of the thirty-fifth Meeting, and on the understanding that, were there to be a resumed thirty-fourth Meeting, the Committee would be able to resume its consideration of the credentials of representatives of States Parties (see [SPLOS/34/10](#) and [SPLOS/34/12](#), para. 9).

States Parties that have not submitted credentials of representatives to the thirty-fourth Meeting of States Parties, or that may need to update those credentials, are kindly requested to submit original credentials to the Secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, room DC2 0450, United Nations, New York, NY 10017), duly signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any person authorized by them, as soon as possible.

A scanned copy of the credentials, as well as other communications containing the names of representatives to the Meeting (such as letters and notes verbales from the permanent mission), should be submitted through the online e-Credentials module, which can be accessed through the e-deleGATE portal (edelegate.un.int).

The Secretary-General also wishes to remind States Parties that had only provided provisional information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the thirty-fourth Meeting, to transmit formal credentials to the Secretariat as soon as possible. For a list of these States Parties, see paragraph 5 of the report of the Credentials Committee of the thirty-fourth Meeting of States Parties ([SPLOS/34/10](#)), as well as paragraph 8 of the report of the thirty-fourth Meeting ([SPLOS/34/12](#)).

Documents

All documents concerning the current and past Meetings are available through the Official Document System of the United Nations (<https://documents.un.org>) as well as at www.un.org/Depts/los/meeting_states_parties/meeting_states_parties.htm.

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