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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 a letter dated 9 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" (decision MSP2020.1).

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.


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Excellencies,

Further to my letter dated 6 July 2020, transmitting a draft decision enabling the thirtieth Meeting to adopt decisions by silence procedure, which was placed under silence procedure until today, at 5:00 p.m., I wish to inform you that the silence has been broken.

It is my intention to circulate, following consultations with the delegation concerned and within regional groups, a new communication to all States Parties on the proposed way forward.

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

Michael Imran Kanu (SJD)

President of the twenty-ninth Meeting of States Parties
to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Representatives of States Parties to the
1982 United Nations Convention on the
Law of the Sea