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## **United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Montego Bay, 10 December 1982**

### Resumption of the thirty-first 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](#)):

The thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea is tentatively scheduled to be resumed in New York on 8 December 2021, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf. In light of the continuing situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the final date, time and location of the resumed thirty-first Meeting will be confirmed in due course, through an addendum to the present notification which will contain additional information on the arrangements for the resumed thirty-first Meeting, including the election procedures.

An item entitled, “Election of one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf” will be proposed by the President for inclusion in the agenda adopted at the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties (SPLOS/31/1) at the opening of the resumed thirty-first Meeting.

#### *Credentials*

The attention of the States Parties to the Convention is drawn to rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure (*Submission of credentials*). In this regard, the Secretary-General recalls that the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties approved the report of the Credentials Committee ([SPLOS/31/7](#)) and accepted the credentials and information concerning the appointment of representatives received after the Credentials Committee held its second meeting on 23 June 2021, on the understanding that the credentials of representatives to the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea would continue to be valid, in accordance with rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure, until the convening of the thirty-second meeting (see [SPLOS/31/7](#) and [SPLOS/31/9](#), para. 12).

States Parties that have not submitted credentials of representatives to the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the Convention, 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 the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any person authorized by either of them, as soon as possible. The Secretary-General also wishes to remind States Parties that had only provided provisional information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the thirty-first Meeting to transmit formal credentials of their representatives to the Secretariat as soon as possible (for a list of these States Parties, see paragraph 8 of the report of the Credentials Committee of the thirty-first

Meeting of States Parties (SPLOS/31/7) as well as paragraph 12 of the report of the thirty-first Meeting (SPLOS/31/9).

*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](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/meeting_states_parties/meeting_states_parties.htm).

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