



To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations

New York, 26 October 2021

Excellencies,

On behalf of the Permanent Representatives of Argentina, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Jamaica, Kenya, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman, Senegal and South Africa to the United Nations and myself, I have the honour to invite you and/or a representative from your Mission to an in person meeting of the Group of Friends of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), on Friday 29 October 2021 at 13:15 -14:15.

The meeting will address the topic “The role of the International Seabed Authority in the framework of BBNJ”. Introductory remarks will be delivered by Ambassador Holger Martinsen, Legal Counsel at Argentina’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and President of the 31st Meeting of States Parties of UNCLOS. Thereafter, a presentation will follow by Mr. Alfonso Ascencio-Herrera, Legal Counsel at the International Seabed Authority. Questions and comments will be encouraged at the end of the meeting to foster an interactive dialogue.

The meeting will take place at the Mission of Viet Nam (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 428, New York, NY 10017). A light lunch will be served. We hope you will be able to join us. Kindly confirm your attendance.

Invitations are extended on the basis of the UN "honour system" to fully vaccinated persons.

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



Maria del Carmen Squeff

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Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic