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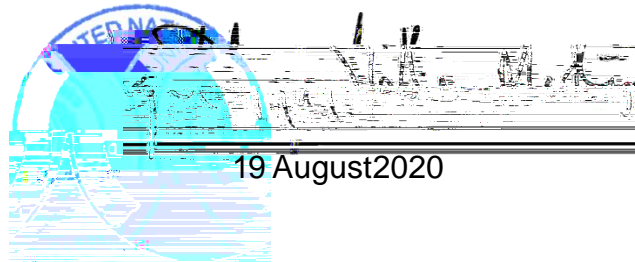
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The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations presents its compliments to Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations, Permanent Observer Missions to the United Nations and States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law 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 1 August 2020 from the President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties addressed to all Permanent Representatives of Member States to the United Nations, Permanent Observers of non-Member States to the United Nations and Representatives of other States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, regarding agenda item 10. The letter is enclosed in a separate envelope.

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



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I wish to point to the letter dated 29 July 2020 from the United Nations Secretary-General regarding the phased return to the United Nations Headquarters premises in New York. While the United

As the practice of the Meeting of States Parties has been that general statements are delivered under agenda item 14, entitled “Reports of the Secretary-General under article 319 for the information of States parties on issues of a general nature, relevant to States parties, which have arisen with respect to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea”, I propose that general statements be reserved for a later stage, to be heard at a subsequent meeting. Accordingly, and taking into account the limited time available for the election process to be completed, general statements will not be made on 24 August 2020.

I seek the kind understanding of all States edtq0.00000912 0 612 792 reW*ñBT/F1 12.96 T