

The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations presents its compliments to Representatives 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 24 November 2020 from the Vice-President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties, H.E. Ambassador Ibrahima Toure, addressed to Representatives of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and annexed document, concerning agenda item 11(c) (*Draft budget proposals of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for the budget period 2021–2022*).

The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Representatives of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea the assurances of its highest consideration.



24 November 2020







1. *Approves the budget for 2022 (PLU) of 5,375,1 and the additional amount to the budget (Budget of proposals) PLUS 7,307,5*

2. *Decides that, pursuant to Article 120 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Tribunal (SP/ROS/120), the amount of the contribution to be determined on the basis of the appropriations adopted by the meeting of States for the year 2022 shall be 100 per cent of the amount of the appropriations adopted by the meeting of States for the year 2021 in accordance with the provisions of Article 120 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Tribunal.*

3. *Takes note with satisfaction that it is no longer necessary to use parts of the 2017-2016 cash surplus of 1,020,000,000 for the year 2021.*

4. *Authorizes the Tribunal to make transfers within the budget lines in the amount of 4,600,000,000 to the extent that that is necessary for the implementation of the budget for 2022.*

5. *Encourages the Republic of the Congo to manage its funds prudently and efficiently, seeking to achieve a balanced budget for 2022.*

6. *Reaffirms its support for the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and in particular article 19 of annex VI to the Convention, and encourages the States parties to the Convention to continue to be guided by the Convention in their actions.*

7. *Also decides that a rate of 10 per cent of the net income of the Tribunal for 2021 shall be used in 2022 to finance the operations of the Tribunal.*

8. *Establishes the rate of assessment of States parties to the Tribunal for 2022 at 10 per cent of the net income of the Tribunal for 2021.*