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30 July 2020

Excellencies,

I wish to refer to the letters of the twenty-ninth President of the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea dated 24 and 29 July 2020, concerning the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

I am honoured to be elected President of the thirtieth Meeting and would like to express my gratitude to States Parties for their confidence and trust, especially in the unprecedented and challenging circumstances. I look forward to working with all delegations in the weeks ahead.

On behalf of all States Parties, I would also like to convey our appreciation to His Excellency, Mr. Michael Imran Kanu, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, for his work as President of the twenty-ninth Meeting and for successfully steering States Parties through the challenges posed by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Let me also express gratitude to the Vice-Presidents of the twenty-ninth Meeting, Ms. Anneli Leega Piiskop of Estonia, Mr. Sidney Gregory Kemble of the Netherlands, Mr. Luke Tang of Singapore and Mr. Carlos Mata of Uruguay.

As you are aware, through decision 30 of 24 July 2020, States Parties authorized the President of the thirtieth Meeting to circulate, after consultation with the Bureau, draft decisions of the Meeting of States Parties under a silence procedure regarding the election of Vice-Presidents, the appointment of Credentials Committee, the adoption of the agenda and the organization of work.

In this connection I refer

- Under agenda item 13 (Election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea), the following reference documents should be added: [SPLOS/30/8/Add.1](#) and [SPLOS/30/CRP.1](#) and
- Under agenda item 14 (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), the following reference document should be added: [A/74/350](#)

The provisional agenda updated accordingly is attached for your ease of reference and I propose that this provisional agenda be adopted

Accordingly, the proposal to adopt the provisional agenda is placed under a silence procedure until 2.00 pm, Wednesday 5 August 2020

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In this connection I would like to emphasize the importance of having complete Bureaux representing each of the regional groups with whom I can consult on the conduct and progress of work. I would like to urge the Group of African States to continue consultations and inform me, through the Secretariat, their nomination as soon as possible.

Finally, I wish to address agenda item 6 (Appointment of the Credentials Committee). It is my pleasure to inform you that I en-

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