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## **Nomination of a member and an alternate member to the staff pension committee of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea**

### **Note by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea has been a member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund since 1 January 1997.
2. In conformity with the regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (Article 4(a)), the Meeting of States Parties decided at its sixteenth session that the staff pension committee of the Tribunal would be constituted as follows:
  - (a) One member and one alternate member to be chosen by the Meeting of States Parties for a term of office of two years;
  - (b) One member and one alternate member to be appointed by the Registrar for a term of office of two years;
  - (c) One member and one alternate member to be elected by the staff members who are participants in the Fund for a term of office of two years (SPLOS/147).
3. In 2007, the Meeting of States Parties, at its seventeenth session, appointed Senegal and Canada as member and alternate member to the staff pension committee, respectively (SPLOS/164, paras. 39-40).
4. In November 2009, the staff pension committee adopted its rules of procedure. Article 1, paragraph 2, of those rules of procedure provides:

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The members and alternate members shall hold office for three years or until the election of their successors, and they shall be eligible for re-election; in the event that a member or alternate member ceases to be a member or alternate member of the

Committee, another member or alternate member may be chosen to hold office during the remainder of the term.

5. In 2010, upon the recommendation of the Tribunal, the twentieth Meeting of States Parties decided:

(a) That the Meeting of States Parties would nominate States with a permanent diplomatic or consular presence in Berlin or Hamburg as a member and as an alternate member of the committee and that the nominated States would then appoint local diplomats as their representatives on the staff pension committee;

(b) To change the term of office of the members and alternate members of the staff pension committee from two to three years (SPLOS/214.)

6. The twentieth Meeting of States Parties also decided to nominate Indonesia as a member of the staff pension committee (SPLOS/218, para. 50). Given that no nomination was made for the position of alternate member, Canada remained an alternate member of the committee in accordance with article 1, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure.

7. In 2016, the twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties extended the nominations of Indonesia and Canada as member and alternate member of the staff pension committee, respectively (SPLOS/302, operative paragraph). The nominations of Indonesia and Canada as member and alternate member of the staff pension committee, respectively, were further extended by decisions of the twenty-ninth Meeting of States Parties in 2019 (SPLOS/29/8) and of the thirty-second Meeting of States Parties in 2022 (SPLOS/32/13).

8. The three-year term of office of the member and alternate member of the staff pension committee appointed by the Meeting of States Parties will expire in 2025.

## **II. Proposal in respect of nomination of a member and an alternate member to the staff pension committee**

9. In light of the expiry of the terms of office of the current member and alternate member of the staff pension committee, as nominated by the Meeting of States Parties, it is proposed that the Meeting take a decision to ensure the filling of these two posts for a three-year term of office starting on 1 January 2026. To that end, a draft decision is submitted herewith (see annex).

## Annex

### **Draft decision relating to the staff pension committee of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea**

*The Meeting of States Parties,*

*Considering* that the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties decided that the staff pension committee of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea would be composed of three members and three alternate members and that one member and one alternate member would be chosen by the Meeting of States Parties,

*Considering also* that the Meeting of States Parties chose Indonesia as member and Canada as alternate member of the staff pension committee in 2022, 2019, 2016, 2010 and 2007,

*Noting* that the terms of office of Indonesia and Canada will expire in 2025,

*Noting also* that, once their terms of office have expired, members and alternate members continue to hold office until their successors are nominated,

*Decides* to nominate [State] as a member and [State] as an alternate member of the staff pension committee for a three-year term of office starting on 1 January 2026.