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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 30 November 2020 from the President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties addressed to Representatives of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea concerning agenda item 10(b) (*Conditions of service of members of the Commission*).

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.

  
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Le Bureau des affaires juridiques de l'Organisation des Nations Unies présente ses compliments aux représentantes et représentants des États parties à la Convention des Nations Unies sur le droit de la mer et a l'honneur de se référer à la trentième Réunion des États parties à la Convention.

Le Bureau des affaires juridiques a le plaisir de transmettre ci-joint une lettre datée du 30 novembre 2020, qui est adressée aux représentantes et représentants des États parties à la Convention des Nations Unies sur le droit de la mer par le Président de la trentième Réunion des États parties concernant le point 10 b) de l'ordre du jour (*Conditions d'emploi des membres de la Commission*).

Le Bureau des affaires juridiques de l'Organisation des Nations Unies saisit cette occasion pour renouveler aux représentantes et représentants des États parties à la Convention des Nations Unies sur le droit de la mer les assurances de sa très haute considération.

  
 Le 30 novembre 2020



PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE  
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Excellencies,

I wish to refer to my letters dated 27 and 30 October 2020, regarding the timetable and modalities for the consideration of the pending items on the agenda of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as outlined in the annex to my letter dated 27 October 2020 (available at [www.un.org/Depts/los/meeting\\_states\\_parties/documents/20201027NvLetEF.pdf](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/meeting_states_parties/documents/20201027NvLetEF.pdf)).

In accordance with the above-mentioned annex, commencing 20 November 2020, States Parties have been considering agenda item 10(b) (*Conditions of service of members of the Commission*) under the framework of the Open-ended Working Group on the Conditions of Service of the Members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf through virtual informal consultations and an exchange of written statements.

On 27 November 2020, the Co-Coordinator of the Open-ended Working Group, Mr. Sidney Gregory Kemble of the Netherlands and Ms. María Alejandrina Sande of Uruguay, provided me with a preliminary report of the work conducted by the Working Group and informed me that, following two rounds of virtual informal consultations of the Working Group, additional consultations were needed to finalize the *Draft Decision regarding the conditions of service of the members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf*. On 28 November 2020, the Co-Coordinator circulated a revised *Draft Decision* with a period for comments ending at 4 p.m. on 1 December 2020. Following the closure of the period for comments and the Co-Coordinator's follow-up report to me, I will provide a written update.

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

**H.E. Burhan Gafoor**

President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties  
to the United Nations Convention on the Law of  
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