



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

24 January 2017

Excellency,

I have been informed by H.E. Mr. Eden Charles that he will no longer be in a position to serve as Chair of the Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292 entitled “Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction”.

Accordingly, pursuant to resolution 69/292, and following consultations with Member States, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed H. E. Ambassador Carlos Duarte, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations, as Chair of the Preparatory Committee.

I trust that you will accord him your full cooperation and support in discharging his responsibilities.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
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