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Decision of the Council of the International Seabed
Authority concerning the headquarters agreement
between the International Seabed Authority and the
Government of Jamaica

The Council of the International Seabed Authority,

Recalling article 156, paragraph 4, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which provides that the seat of the International Seabed Authority shall be in Jamaica,

Recognizing that the expeditious conclusion of an agreement between the International Seabed Authority and the Government of Jamaica regarding the headquarters of the Authority will significantly facilitate the establishment and functioning of the Authority,

Taking into account the draft headquarters agreement prepared by the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea as well as additional clarifications concerning several provisions of that draft agreement contained in the provisional final report of the Plenary of the Authority,¹

Noting the final statement of the Chairman of the Preparatory Commission providing that the terms of the agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of

¹ Report of the Preparatory Commission under paragraph 10 of resolution I of the Third United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ... (LOS/PCN/152, (Vol. I)), document LOS/PCN/SCN.4/WP.16/Add.2.

10 December 1982 should be taken into account in the consideration of the recommendations of the Preparatory Commission,²

1. Requests the Secretary-General of the Authority to negotiate with the Government of Jamaica an agreement regarding the headquarters of the Authority, taking into account the draft of such an agreement prepared by the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;³

2. Decides that the negotiations will be under the guidance of the Council and that the agreement will be provisionally applied upon its signature;

3. Decides also that the agreement shall enter into force on its approval by the Assembly of the Authority and the Government of Jamaica.

² Report of the Preparatory Commission under paragraph 11 of resolution I of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea III ... (LOS/PCN/153 (Vol. II)), document LOS/PCN/L.115/Rev.1, para. 46.

³ Ibid., (LOS/PCN/153 (Vol. V)), document LOS/PCN/WP.47/Rev.2.