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STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT ON THE WORK OF THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE THIRD PART OF THE FOURTH SESSION

1. The third part of the fourth session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority was held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, from 12 to 13 October 1998, for the purpose of taking a decision on the scale of assessment of contributions of members of the Authority to the administrative budget for 1999.
2. The Credentials Committee met on 12 and 13 October 1998. At the 62nd plenary meeting, on 13 October 1998, the Assembly adopted the report of the Credentials Committee (ISBA/4/A/19). The decision of the Assembly relating to credentials is contained in document ISBA/4/A/20. Following the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee, the Assembly also accepted the credentials submitted by the representatives of Bahrain and the United Republic of Tanzania.
3. The Assembly considered the proposed scales of assessment for the contributions of members to the administrative budget of the Authority as recommended by the Council (ISBA/4/A/L.7). The delegation of the Russian Federation proposed two amendments to the draft decision (ISBA/4/A/L.8/Rev.1 and ISBA/4/A/L.9). All efforts at reaching a decision by consensus having been exhausted, the Assembly voted on the amendments to the draft decision contained in ISBA/4/A/L.7 that had been proposed by the delegation of the Russian Federation. The proposed amendment contained in document ISBA/4/A/L.8/Rev.1 was defeated by 76 votes to 5, with no abstentions. The proposed amendment contained in document ISBA/4/A/L.9 was defeated by 76 votes to 5, with no abstentions. The Assembly then voted on the draft decision contained in document ISBA/4/A/L.7. The decision relating to the scale of assessment was adopted at the 62nd plenary meeting by 76 votes to 3 with 2 abstentions.
