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Election to fill a vacancy on the Finance Committee in accordance with section 9 of the annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Assembly is invited to note that Narinder Singh (India) has resigned from the Finance Committee with effect from May 2003. Mr. Singh was elected as a member of the Finance Committee on 10 July 2001 for a term of five years (ISBA/8/A/5, para. 6).

2. Section 9, paragraph 5, of the annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ("the Agreement") provides that in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Finance Committee prior to the expiration of the term of office, the Assembly shall elect for the remainder of the term a member from the same geographical region or group of States.

3. In accordance with section 9 of the Agreement, the Finance Committee shall be composed of 15 members with appropriate qualifications relevant to financial matters. Members of the Finance Committee shall be elected by the Assembly.

4. By a note verbale dated 22 May 2003, the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations informed the Secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of M. Gandhi, Counsellor and Legal Adviser of the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York, to fill a vacant seat on the Finance Committee. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Gandhi appears in the annex to the present document.¹

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¹ The curriculum vitae of Mr. Gandhi is reproduced as received, in the original language of submission.