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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority is invited to note that Philip Dixon (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) resigned from the Finance Committee with effect from 22 March 2021. He had been elected by the Assembly at its twenty-sixth session under the silence procedure on 26 November 2020 as a member of the Committee for the remainder of the term of Ahila Sornarajah ending on 31 December 2021 (see [ISBA/22/A/14](#)).

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 of 10 December 1982 provides that, in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the 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. By a note verbale dated 22 March 2021, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom informed the secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Eleanor Petch to fill the seat on the Committee left vacant by Mr. Dixon for the remainder of his term ending on 31 December 2021. The curriculum vitae of Ms. Petch is contained in the annex to the present note.¹

* New dates of the in-person meetings which were originally scheduled for July 2020.

** [ISBA/26/A/1](#).

¹ The annex is being circulated in the language of submission only.



Annex**Curriculum vitae*******Eleanor Petch (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)****Education, qualifications and training**

MA in English – Robinson College, Cambridge University (1995–1998)

Diploma in Records and Information Management (distinction) – Liverpool University (2015–2017)

International Foundation for the Law of the Sea – summer school (2019)

Professional experience**FOREIGN, COMMONWEALTH & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

International Maritime Policy Manager, Ocean Policy Unit, Legal Directorate 2018–present

Deputy Head of FCO Archives 2014–2018

Team Leader, National Security Directorate 2012–2014

Deputy Head of Conflict Department 2009–2012

Team Leader, Counter-Proliferation Department 2006–2009

Overseas Territories Department: 2003–2006
(Acting Head of Mission, Ascension Island; Deputy Project Leader for UK ATCM; Desk Officer)

Second Secretary, British Embassy Prague 2001–2003

Desk Officer, Multilateral and Bilateral roles in FCO 1998–2001

Languages

French (conversation)

*** Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.