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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the representatives of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (the “Convention”) and has the honour to communicate the following:

On 23 July 2021, the Secretariat received a note verbale from the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations, which informed the Secretariat of the death of Mr. Jair Alberto Ribas Marques, member of the Commission nominated by Brazil.

Pursuant to rule 72 () of the rules of procedure for Meetings of States Parties ([SPLOS/2/Rev.5](#)), “[i]f the office of a member of the Commission becomes vacant, the Meeting of States Parties shall, in accordance with rule 71 [()], elect a member for the remainder of the predecessor’s term.”

It is therefore necessary to resume the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to hold a by-election to elect a member for the remainder of the term of Mr. Marques. It is recalled that pursuant to the

approved by the nineteenth Meeting of States Parties on 26 June 2009 (SPLOS/201), Mr. Marques occupied a seat allocated to the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

In addition, it is recalled that one seat allocated to the Group of Eastern European States still remains to be filled. In June 2021, the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties decided that, if the Group of Eastern European States informed the President of the Meeting by 17 September 2021 that candidate(s) for the vacant seat had been identified, a new call for nominations would be circulated by the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General notes that no such information was received by the date of this notification.

Pursuant to article 2, paragraph 3, of annex II to the Convention, “[e]lections of the members of the Commission shall be held at a meeting of States Parties convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters.” States parties will be notified in due course about the date of the resumed thirty-first Meeting.

Pursuant to article 2, paragraph 2, of annex II to the Convention, “[a]t least three months before the date of each election, the Secretary-General of the United Nations

