



Madam Secretary-General

3 March 2026

Honourable Minister,

I acknowledge receipt of your email of today, conveying your letter dated 2 March 2026 concerning credentials purportedly received on 10 July 2025, as well as referencing the communication of 3 March 2026 from Ms. Mariana Durney, Legal Counsel and Director of the Office of Legal Counsel, regarding observer status under rule 82 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

I wish to thank you for this opportunity to clarify the matter. In this regard, I respectfully draw your attention to the Decision of the Assembly relating to the credentials of representatives at the thirtieth session of the International Seabed Authority (ISBA/30/A/12), by which the Assembly approved the report of the Credentials Committee (ISBA/30/A/10). I further refer you to the official list of participants at the thirtieth session of the Assembly (ISBA/30/A/INF/14).

As consistently reflected in the Authority's practice and governing framework, participation in meetings of the Assembly and of the Council is limited to duly accredited representatives of member States and of entities that have been granted observer status in accordance with rule 82 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. The Hawaiian Kingdom has not been granted such observer status. Accordingly, no representative of the Hawaiian Kingdom may be accredited to participate in meetings of the Assembly or the Council in an observer capacity.

I trust that this clarification is helpful and remain guided by the established rules and decisions of the Assembly.

With assurances of my highest consideration.



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