



Meeting of States Parties

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List of candidates nominated for election to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Note by the Secretary-General

1. On 6 July 2023, pursuant to article 2, paragraph 2, of annex II to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the Secretary-General addressed a communication to the States parties to the Convention, in which he informed them of a new vacancy in the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, owing to the resignation of the candidate nominated by Poland, Mateusz Damrat. The Secretary-General also recalled that another seat allocated to members from the Eastern European States remained vacant.
2. The Secretary-General therefore called for nominations to fill the two vacant seats.
3. In the communication, the Secretary-General recalled that, pursuant to article 2, paragraph 1, of annex II to the Convention, the members of the Commission shall be experts in the field of geology, geophysics or hydrography.
4. The Secretary-General also recalled that, in order to achieve gender equality as recognized in Sustainable Development Goal 5, the Presidents of the thirty-first, thirty-second and thirty-third Meetings of States Parties had emphasized the importance of ensuring full and effective participation and equal opportunities for women at all levels in institutions relevant under the Convention (see [SPLOS/31/13](#), para. 14; [SPLOS/32/15](#), para. 73; and [SPLOS/33/15](#), para. 104). States parties were thus encouraged to nominate female experts, with a view to promoting gender balance in the Commission.
5. The Secretary-General noted that the twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties had urged States parties that would nominate candidates for future elections of members of the Commission to formally undertake to support their candidates in accordance with article 2, paragraph 5, of annex II to the Convention (see [SPLOS/30/3](#), para. 79).
6. By the closure of the period of nominations, on 6 October 2023, the Secretary-General had received one nomination. A list in alphabetical order of all persons nominated is provided below, pursuant to article 2, paragraph 2, of annex II to the Convention. The list indicates whether the nominating State has pledged to support its candidate, in accordance with article 2, paragraph 5, of annex II to the Convention (see



[SPLOS/303](#), para. 79). The complete curriculum vitae of the candidate, including the statement of qualifications, is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea.¹

<i>Name (nationality)</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Pledge to support the candidate (see United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, annex II, article 2 (5))</i>
Tomczak, Michał (Poland)	Poland	√

7. The election will be held at the resumed thirty-third Meeting of States Parties, which will be held at United Nations Headquarters on 28 November 2023. The election procedure, for consideration by the Meeting, is set out in document [SPLOS/33/17](#).

¹ See SPLOS/33/CRP.1, available at www.un.org/Depts/los/meeting_states_parties/resumedthirtythirdmeetingstateparties.htm.