



INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA
TRIBUNAL INTERNATIONAL DU DROIT DE LA MER

Press Release

RECONSTITUTION OF THE CHAMBERS OF THE TRIBUNAL

The Chambers of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea were reconstituted by the Tribunal at a meeting held on 2 October 2008.

Seabed Disputes Chamber

The Seabed Disputes Chamber is established in accordance with Part XI, section 5, of the Convention and article 14 of the Statute. The Chamber has jurisdiction in disputes with respect to activities in the International Seabed Area. The Chamber is composed of 11 judges, who are selected by the members of the Tribunal every three years. The selection process ensures the representation of the principal legal systems of the world and equitable geographical distribution. The Chamber elects its President from among its members. The composition of the Chamber for the period ending 30 September 2011 is as follows:

President	Judge Treves
Members	Judge Marotta Rangel
	Judge Nelson
	Judge Chandrasekhara Rao
	Judge Wolfrum
	Judge Yanai
	Judge Kateka
	Judge Hoffmann
	Judge Gao
	Judge Bouguetaia
	Judge Golitsyn

Chamber of Summary Procedure

In accordance with article 15, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Statute, the Chamber of Summary Procedure may hear and determine a case by summary procedure if the parties so request. In addition, the Chamber may prescribe provisional measures if the

Tribunal is not in session or a sufficient number of members is not available to constitute a quorum.

The Chamber of Summary Procedure, constituted annually, is composed of five members and two alternates, as provided for by the Statute. The President and the Vice-President of the Tribunal are members *ex officio* of the Chamber; the President of the Tribunal serves as President of the Chamber. The Chamber was constituted as follows for the period ending 30 September 2009:

President	President Jesus
Members	Vice-President Türk
	Judge Yankov
	Judge Ndiaye
	Judge Lucky
Alternates	Judge Treves
	Judge Yanai

Chamber for Fisheries Disputes

The Chamber for Fisheries Disputes, established in accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Statute, is available to deal with disputes concerning the conservation and management of marine living resources, which parties may agree to submit to it. The Chamber consists of seven members. The composition of the Chamber for the period ending 30 September 2011 is as follows:

President	Judge Caminos
Members	Judge Treves
	Judge Pawlak
	Judge Yanai
	Judge Kateka
	Judge Hoffmann
	Judge Gao

Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes

The Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes, established in accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Statute, is available to deal with disputes relating to the protection and preservation of the marine environment which parties may agree to submit to it. The Chamber consists of seven members. The composition of the Chamber for the period ending 30 September 2011 is as follows:

President	Judge Cot
Members	Judge Park

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Judge Wolfrum
Judge Lucky
Judge Kateka
Judge Gao
Judge Golitsyn

Chamber for Maritime Delimitation Disputes

The Chamber for Maritime Delimitation Disputes, established in accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Statute, is available to deal with disputes on maritime delimitation which parties may agree to submit to it. The Chamber consists of nine members. The composition of the Chamber for the period ending 30 September 2011 is as follows:

President	President Jesus
Members	Judge Nelson
	Judge Chandrasekhara Rao
	Judge Akl
	Judge Ndiaye
	Judge Cot
	Judge Pawlak
	Judge Yanai
	Judge Bouguetaia

The Press Releases of the Tribunal, documents and other information are available on the Tribunal's websites: <http://www.itlos.org> and <http://www.tidm.org> and from the Registry of the Tribunal. Please contact Mrs Julia Ritter or Mrs Johanna van Kisfeld at
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