INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA



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CASE CONCERNING THE DETENTION OF THREE UKRAINIAN NAVAL VESSELS

(UKRAINE v. RUSSIAN FEDERATION)

REQUEST FOR THE PRESCRIPTION OF PROVISIONAL MEASURES UNDER ARTICLE 290, PARAGRAPH 5, OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

ORDER

The President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,

Having regard to article 290, paragraph 5, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (hereinafter "the Convention"),

Having regard to articles 27 and 28 of the Statute of the Tribunal,

Having regard to article 90, paragraph 2, of the Rules of the Tribunal,

Having regard to the Notification and the Statement of Claim submitted by Ukraine to the Russian Federation on 1 April 2019 instituting arbitral proceedings under Annex VII to the Convention,

Having regard to the Request, submitted by Ukraine on 16 April 2019, for the prescription of provisional measures by the Tribunal in accordance with article 290, paragraph 5, of the Convention,

Having regard to the Order of the President of 23 April 2019;

Makes the following Order.

Whereas, pursuant to the Order of 23 April 2019, the President fixed 10 and 11 May 2019 as the dates for the hearing;

Whereas, by note verbale No. 1733 dated 30 April 2019 from the Embassy of the Russian Federation in the Federal Republic of Germany, the Russian Federation informed the Tribunal "of its decision not to participate in the hearing on provisional measures in the case initiated by Ukraine";

Whereas, by letter dated 2 May 2019 from the Agent of Ukraine, Ukraine requested, "consistent with Article 28 of the Tribunal's Statute, that the Tribunal continue the proceedings and render a decision on provisional measures";

Fixes 10 May 2019 as the date for the hearing; and

Reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and in French, both texts being equally authoritative, in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, this second day of May, two thousand and nineteen, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal and the others transmitted to the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Russian Federation, respectively.

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Philippe GAUTIER Registrar