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Press Release

THE TRIBUNAL FORMS A STANDING SPECIAL CHAMBER TO DEAL WITH MARITIME DELIMITATION DISPUTES

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, meeting at its Twenty-third Session from 5 to 16 March 2007, today adopted a resolution to form a standing special chamber to deal with maritime delimitation disputes pursuant to article 15, paragraph 1, of the Tribunal's Statute. The Chamber, to be known as the Chamber for Maritime Delimitation Disputes, will be available to deal with maritime delimitation disputes which the parties agree to submit to it concerning the interpretation or application of any provision of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and of any other agreement which confers jurisdiction on the Tribunal.

The Chamber is composed of eight members of the Tribunal. If the number of members available to sit in a given case falls below the required quorum of six, new members will be selected by the Tribunal in order to bring the number to six at least. The Tribunal selected the following members of the Tribunal to serve on the Chamber with immediate effect:

President of the Tribunal	Rüdiger Wolfrum (President of the Chamber <i>ex officio</i>)
Judges	L. Dolliver M. Nelson, P. Chandrasekhara Rao, Tafsir Malick Ndiaye, José Luis Jesus, Jean-Pierre Cot, Stanislaw Pawlak, Shunji Yanai.

The term of office of the current members will end on 30 September 2008.

MR DOO-YOUNG KIM RE-ELECTED DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF THE TRIBUNAL

On 6 March 2007, the Judges of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea re-elected Mr Doo-young Kim, of Korean nationality, Deputy Registrar of the Tribunal.

Mr Kim has been Deputy Registrar of the Tribunal since June 2002. He began his career in the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (1981- 2002), where he served as Director of the International Legal Affairs Division of the Treaties Bureau (1999-2001). He was Lecturer in Law of the Sea at Korea University, Seoul (2001-2002). His biography is available on the Tribunal's website.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Tribunal, the Deputy Registrar is elected from among candidates nominated by the Judges of the Tribunal. Mr Kim will serve as Deputy Registrar for a term of five years.

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 Ms Julia Ritter at Am Internationalen Seegerichtshof 1, 22609 Hamburg, Germany, Tel.: +49 (40) 35607-227, Fax: +49 (40) 35607-245;
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