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THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRIBUNAL APPOINTS THREE ARBITRATORS IN THE ARBITRAL PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED TO SETTLE THE MARITIME BOUNDARY DISPUTE BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND INDIA IN THE BAY OF BENGAL

On 12 February 2010, the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Judge José Luis Jesus, appointed three arbitrators to serve as members of the Annex VII arbitral tribunal instituted for the settlement of the maritime delimitation dispute between Bangladesh and India in the Bay of Bengal. The arbitrators are Rüdiger Wolfrum (Germany), Tullio Treves (Italy) and Ivan Shearer (Australia). The President also appointed Rüdiger Wolfrum as the president of the arbitral tribunal. These appointments were made in consultation with the two parties to the dispute.

In accordance with article 3 of Annex VII of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, if the parties are unable to reach an agreement on the appointment of one or more of the members of the tribunal to be appointed by agreement, or on the appointment of the president of the arbitral tribunal, these appointments shall be made by the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea at the request of a party to the dispute and in consultation with the parties.

In a letter dated 13 December 2009, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh requested the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea to appoint the three arbitrators, since the two parties were unable to reach an agreement thereon.

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