

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA



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List of cases:
No. 11

THE “VOLGA” CASE

(RUSSIAN FEDERATION *v.* AUSTRALIA)

PROMPT RELEASE

ORDER

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

Having regard to article 292 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (hereinafter “the Convention”),

Having regard to article 112, paragraph 3, of the Rules of the Tribunal,

Having regard to the Application under article 292 of the Convention submitted by the Russian Federation to the Tribunal on 2 December 2002, concerning the prompt release of the vessel *Volga* and its crew,

Makes the following Order:

Whereas, pursuant to article 292 of the Convention, the Tribunal shall deal with the Application without delay,

Whereas, pursuant to article 112, paragraph 3, of the Rules of the Tribunal, the Tribunal, or the President of the Tribunal if the Tribunal is not sitting, shall fix the earliest possible date, within a period of 15 days commencing with the first working day following the date on which the application is received, for a hearing,

THE PRESIDENT

Fixes 12 and 13 December 2002 as the dates for the hearing;

Reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

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

(Signed) Dolliver NELSON,
President.

(Signed) Philippe GAUTIER,
Registrar.