

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



2002

Public sitting

held on Monday, 23 December 2002, at 10.30 a.m.,  
at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Hamburg,

President L. Dolliver M. Nelson presiding

The “Volga” Case

(Application for prompt release)

*(Russian Federation v. Australia)*

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**Verbatim Record**

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<i>Present:</i>	President	L. Dolliver M. Nelson
	Vice-President	Budislav Vukas
	Judges	Hugo Caminos
		Vicente Marotta Rangel
		Alexander Yankov
		Soji Yamamoto
		Anatoli Lazarevich Kolodkin
		Choon-Ho Park
		Thomas A. Mensah
		P. Chandrasekhara Rao
		Joseph Akl
		David Anderson
		Rüdiger Wolfrum
		Tullio Treves
		Mohamed Mouldi Marsit
		Tafsir Malick Ndiaye
		José Luis Jesus
		Jean-Pierre Cot
	Judge <i>ad hoc</i>	Ivan Shearer
	Registrar	Philippe Gautier

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*The Russian Federation is represented by:*

Mr. Evgeny Butovt, Consul, Consulate General of the Russian Federation,  
Hamburg, Germany,

Mr. Sergey L. Romanov, Consul, Consulate General of the Russian  
Federation, Hamburg, Germany;

*Australia is represented by:*

Mr. John Langtry, Minister and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of  
Australia, Berlin, Germany,

*as Co-Agent;*

*and*

Mr. James Crawford SC, Whewell Professor of International Law, University  
of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom,

*as Counsel.*

1 **CLERK OF THE TRIBUNAL:** All rise.

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3 **THE PRESIDENT:** Please be seated.

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5 **CLERK OF THE TRIBUNAL:** The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea is  
6 now in session.

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8 **REGISTRAR:** The Tribunal will today deliver its Judgment in the “*Volga*” Case,  
9 Application for prompt release, Case No. 11 on the List of cases, the Russian  
10 Federation, Applicant, and Australia, Respondent. The Tribunal heard oral  
11 arguments from the parties at four public sittings on 12 and 13 December 2002.  
12 Mr. President.

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14 **THE PRESIDENT:** I now call on Mr. Evgeny Butovt, Consul, Consulate General of  
15 the Russian Federation, Hamburg, Germany, who is representing the Agent of the  
16 Russian Federation, Mr. Pavel Grigorevich Dzubenko, to note the representation of  
17 the Russian Federation.

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19 **[MR BUTOVT notes his appearance]**

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21 **THE PRESIDENT:** Thank you. I now call on Mr. John Langtry, Co-Agent for  
22 Australia, who is representing the Agent of Australia, Mr. William Campbell, to note  
23 the representation of Australia.

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25 **[MR LANGTRY notes his appearance]**

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27 **THE PRESIDENT:** Thank you. I will now read relevant extracts from the Judgment  
28 in the “*Volga*” Case.

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30 **[The President reads the extracts.]**

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32 The sitting is now closed.

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34 **CLERK OF THE TRIBUNAL:** All rise.