

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA  
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THE “JUNO TRADER” CASE

(SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES *v.* GUINEA-BISSAU)

PROMPT RELEASE

ORDER

*Present:* President NELSON; Judges CAMINOS, MAROTTA RANGEL, YANKOV, YAMAMOTO, KOLODKIN, PARK, MENSAH, CHANDRASEKHARA RAO, AKL, ANDERSON, WOLFRUM, TREVES, MARSIT, NDIAYE, JESUS, XU, COT, LUCKY; Registrar GAUTIER.

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,

composed as above,

after deliberation,

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

Having regard to article 69, paragraph 1, of the Rules of the Tribunal,

Having regard to the Application under article 292 of the Convention submitted on behalf of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the Tribunal on 18 November 2004, concerning the prompt release of the vessel *Juno Trader* and its crew,

*Makes the following Order:*

Whereas the Registrar, in accordance with article 52, paragraph 2 (a), and article 111, paragraph 4, of the Rules of the Tribunal, transmitted a certified copy of the Application to the Government of Guinea-Bissau by a letter dated 18 November 2004,

Whereas the President of the Tribunal, pursuant to article 112, paragraph 3, of the Rules of the Tribunal, fixed 1 and 2 December 2004 as the dates for the hearing,

Whereas, by a letter of 26 November 2004, the Agent of Guinea-Bissau requested the postponement of the hearing and a corresponding postponement of the time-limit for the filing of the statement in response, and whereas, the Registrar transmitted forthwith a copy of that letter to the Agent of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,

Whereas the Agent of Saint Vincent and Grenadines by a letter dated 29 November 2004 made observations in respect of the request by the Agent of Guinea-Bissau,

#### THE TRIBUNAL

Having regard to the particular circumstances of the case and having ascertained the views of the parties;

*Decides* to postpone the continuation of the hearing to 6 December 2004;

*Extends* to 2 December 2004, 10:00 hours, the time-limit for the filing of a statement by Guinea-Bissau;

*Extends* to 6 December 2004, 10:00 hours, the time-limit for the filing of any additional documents;

*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 first day of December, two thousand and four, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal and the others transmitted to the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and to the Government of Guinea-Bissau, respectively.

*(Signed)*  
L. Dolliver M. NELSON,  
President

*(Signed)*  
Philippe GAUTIER,  
Registrar

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