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## Press Release

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea deeply regrets to announce the death, in Trinidad, on 29 March 2003, of Mr. Lennox Fitzroy Ballah. Mr. Ballah had been a Member of the Tribunal since April 2002. His term of office was due to expire in September 2011.

A register of condolences will be open for signature at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Am Internationalen Seegerichtshof 1, Hamburg, on Friday, 4 April 2003 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The flag of the Tribunal is being flown half-mast.

Mr. Ballah, of Trinidadian nationality, was born in Fyzabad, Trinidad and Tobago, on 26 August 1929. He graduated from the University College of the West Indies, Jamaica, received his LLB from the University of London and was called to the bar (Middle Temple) in 1965. He obtained his LLM from Columbia University, New York, in 1967.

After working as a teacher in both Trinidad and Tobago and Ghana, Mr. Ballah joined the Ministry of External Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago in 1965, serving as First Secretary to the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations from 1967 to 1970. He was a member of the delegation to the 22nd–26th sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, alternate representative of Trinidad and Tobago on the United Nations Seabed Committee from 1969 to 1971, representative of Trinidad and Tobago at the Santo Domingo Conference on the Law of the Sea in 1972, leader of the Trinidad and Tobago delegation in maritime delimitation and fishing talks with Venezuela from 1973 to 1983, and leader of the Trinidad and Tobago delegation in negotiating the 1975 Trinidad and Tobago/Brazil Fishing Agreement.

Mr. Ballah chaired both the Trinidad and Tobago delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea and the Group of 77 at the fifth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. He was a delegate to meetings of the CARICOM Standing Committees of Ministers and officials on law of the sea and foreign affairs from 1972 to 1983 and Chairman of the Special

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Commission 2 (Enterprise) of the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea from 1983 to 1994. He acted as Director of the Institute of Marine Affairs in Trinidad from 1989 to 1997. He was a member of the Trinidad and Tobago delegation in maritime delimitation negotiations with Venezuela from 1989 to 1990, of the Trinidad and Tobago delegation in maritime boundary delimitation negotiations with Grenada from 1992 to 2002, and was the First President of the Council of the International Seabed Authority from 1996 to 1997.

Mr. Ballah was a member of the Bars of England and Trinidad and Tobago, of the American Society of International Law, the International Law Association, and the Trinidad and Tobago Law Association.

Mr. Ballah published various articles on international law and law of the sea, the law of treaties, and international mediation and conciliation.

The Press Releases of the Tribunal, documents and other information are available on the Tribunal's websites: <http://www.itlos.org> and <http://www.tiddm.org> and from the Registry of the Tribunal. Please contact Ms. Julia Pope at Am Internationalen Seegerichtshof 1, 22609 Hamburg, Germany, Tel.: +49 (40) 35607-227, Fax: +49 (40) 35607-245; E-mail: [press@itlos.org](mailto:press@itlos.org)

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