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Press Release

THE M/V "LOUISA" CASE (SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES V. SPAIN)

**TRIBUNAL TO DELIVER ITS ORDER ON
THURSDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2010 AT 11 A.M.**

Hamburg, 20 December 2010. The Order in *The M/V "Louisa" Case (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines v. Spain)* will be delivered on Thursday, 23 December 2010 at 11 a.m. The Order will be read by the President of the Tribunal, Judge José Luis Jesus, at a public sitting in the main courtroom. The reading of the Order will be transmitted live on the Tribunal's website.

The oral proceedings in *The M/V "Louisa" Case* were held on 10 and 11 December 2010. In its final submissions, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines requested the Tribunal to:

- a. declare that the Tribunal has jurisdiction under Articles 287 and 290 of the Convention to hear the request for provisional measures concerning the detention of the vessel *MV Louisa*;
- b. declare that the request is admissible; that the allegations of the Applicant are well founded and that the Respondent has breached its obligations under the Convention;
- c. order the Respondent to release the vessel *Louisa* and its tender, the *Gemini III*, upon such terms and conditions as the Tribunal shall consider reasonable, but without bond or other further economic hardship;
- d. order the return of scientific research information and property held since 2006;
- e. prescribe such other provisional measures as may be appropriate such as issuing an order requiring the Spanish Agent to meet with the Applicant's Agent or Representatives to resolve the matter or other important measures; and
- f. order the Respondent pay the costs incurred by the Applicant in connection with this request, including agents' fees, attorneys' fees, experts' fees, transportation, lodging and subsistence.

In its final submissions, Spain requested the Tribunal:

- a. to reject the request for the prescription of provisional measures requested by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;
- b. to reject the prescription of all the provisional measures requested by the Applicant;
- c. to order Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to pay the fees of the Agent and the rest of the Spanish delegation within reasonable limits and the costs incurred by this application, as fixed by the Tribunal.

Attending the reading of the Order

The Order will be read in the main courtroom of the Tribunal at a public sitting. Members of the diplomatic and consular corps, press and general public are welcome to attend but are requested to [register](#) in advance with the Press Office.

Accreditation for media representatives

Members of the press are welcome to attend the reading of the Order but are requested to register in advance with the Press Office using the accreditation form that is available on the website of the Tribunal.

Unobtrusive audio and video recording of the public sitting is possible. Filming is subject to special authorization from the Press Office. Facilities are available for radio crews to connect recording equipment directly to the Tribunal's audio system.

Press information will be available at the sitting itself, or from the Press Office.

Webcast

The reading of the Order will be transmitted [live](#) on the website of the Tribunal. Short interludes in transmission may occur due to congestion on the Tribunal's site. A recorded webcast of the reading of the Order will be available thereafter under [Webcast Archives](#).

The text of the Order will be available after its delivery on the [website](#) of the Tribunal.

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