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Press Release

DISPUTE CONCERNING DELIMITATION OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARY BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND MYANMAR IN THE BAY OF BENGAL (BANGLADESH/MYANMAR)

TRIBUNAL TO DELIVER ITS JUDGMENT ON WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2012, AT 11:30 A.M.

Hamburg, 8 March 2012. On Wednesday, 14 March 2012, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea will deliver its judgment in the *Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal (Bangladesh/Myanmar).*

A public sitting will take place at 11:30 a.m. in the main courtroom, during which Judge José Luis Jesus, who is presiding over the Tribunal in this case, will read the judgment.

The oral proceedings in the *Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime* boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal (Bangladesh/Myanmar) were held from 8 to 24 September 2011. Bangladesh, in its final submissions, requested the Tribunal to adjudge and declare that:

- (1) The maritime boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the territorial sea shall be that line first agreed between them in 1974 and reaffirmed in 2008. The coordinates for each of the seven points comprising the delimitation are those set forth in our written Submissions in the Memorial and Reply;
- (2) From Point 7, the maritime boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar follows a line with a geodesic azimuth of 215° to the point located at the coordinates set forth in paragraph 2 of the Submissions as set out in the Reply; and
- (3) From that point, the maritime boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar follows the contours of the 200-M limit drawn from Myanmar's normal baselines to the point located at the coordinates set forth in paragraph 3 of the Submissions as set out in the Reply.

Myanmar, in its final submissions, requested the Tribunal to adjudge and declare that:

- 1. The single maritime boundary between Myanmar and Bangladesh runs from point A to point G, as set out in the Rejoinder. [...]
- 2. From point G, the boundary line continues along the equidistance line in a south-west direction following a geodetic azimuth of 231° 37" 50.9" until it reaches the area where the rights of a third State may be affected.

The text of the judgment will be available shortly after its delivery on the website of the Tribunal.

Attending the reading of the judgment

The judgment will be read in the main courtroom of the Tribunal and is open to the public. Members of the diplomatic and consular corps and general public are welcome to attend. They are requested to register in advance.

Accreditation for media representatives

Members of the press are welcome to attend the reading of the judgment but are requested to <u>register</u> in advance with the Press Office using the accreditation form that is available on the <u>website</u> 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.

Webcast

The reading of the judgment will be broadcast <u>live</u> on the website. A recorded webcast of the reading of the judgment will be available under <u>Webcast Archives</u>.

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