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## Annual report of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for 2018

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## I. Introduction

1. The present report of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea is submitted to the Meeting of States Parties under rule 6, paragraph 3 (d), of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties and covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018.

2. The Tribunal was established by the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. It functions in accordance with the relevant provisions of part XV and part XI of the Convention, the Statute of the Tribunal, as contained in annex VI to the Convention, and the Rules of the Tribunal.

## II. Organization of the Tribunal

3. The Tribunal is composed of 21 members, elected by the States parties to the Convention in the manner provided for in article 4 of the Statute.

4. Since 1 October 2017, the composition of the Tribunal has been as follows:

<i>Order of precedence</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Date of expiry of term of office</i>
<i>President</i>		
Jin-Hyun Paik	Republic of Korea	30 September 2023
<i>Vice-President</i>		
David Joseph Attard	Malta	30 September 2020
<i>Judges</i>		
Tafsir Malick Ndiaye	Senegal	30 September 2020
José Luis Jesus	Cabo Verde	30 September 2026
Jean-Pierre Cot	France	30 September 2020
Anthony Amos Lucky	Trinidad and Tobago	30 September 2020
Stanislaw Pawlak	Poland	30 September 2023
Shunji Yanai	Japan	30 September 2023
James L. Kateka	United Republic of Tanzania	30 September 2023
Albert J. Hoffmann	South Africa	30 September 2023
Zhiguo Gao	China	30 September 2020
Boualem Bouguetaia	Algeria	30 September 2026
Elsa Kelly	Argentina	30 September 2020
Markiyan Z. Kulyk	Ukraine	30 September 2020
Alonso Gómez-Robledo Verduzco	Mexico	30 September 2023
Tomas Heidar	Iceland	30 September 2023
Óscar Cabello Sarubbi	Paraguay	30 September 2026

<i>Order of precedence</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Date of expiry of term of office</i>
Neeru Chadha	India	30 September 2026
Kriangsak Kittichaisaree	Thailand	30 September 2026
Roman A. Kolodkin	Russian Federation	30 September 2026
Liesbeth Lijnzaad	Netherlands	30 September 2026

5. The Registrar of the Tribunal is Philippe Gautier (Belgium). The Deputy Registrar is Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce (Chile).

### **III. Chambers**

#### **A. Seabed Disputes Chamber**

6. In accordance with article 35, paragraph 1, of the Statute, the Seabed Disputes Chamber consists of 11 judges selected by the Tribunal from among its elected members. The members of the Chamber are selected triennially. As at 31 December 2018, the composition of the Chamber, in order of precedence, was as follows: Judge Hoffmann, President; Judges Cot, Lucky, Pawlak, Yanai, Kateka, Gao, Bouguetaia, Kelly, Kulyk and Heidar, members.

7. The terms of office of the members of the Chamber expire on 30 September 2020.

#### **B. Special chambers**

##### **1. Chamber of Summary Procedure**

8. The Chamber of Summary Procedure is established in accordance with article 15, paragraph 3, of the Statute and consists of five members and two alternates. The Chamber is constituted annually. As at 31 December 2018, the members of the Chamber, in order of precedence, were as follows: Judge Paik, President (ex officio); Vice-President Attard (ex officio) and Judges Ndiaye, Cot and Kelly, members; Judges Kolodkin and Lijnzaad, alternates.

##### **2. Chamber for Fisheries Disputes**

9. On 20 February 1997, the Tribunal established the Chamber for Fisheries Disputes in accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Statute. As at 31 December 2018, the composition of the Chamber, in order of precedence, was as follows: Judge Heidar, President; Judges Jesus, Lucky, Yanai, Hoffmann, Cabello Sarubbi, Chadha, Kittichaisaree and Kolodkin, members.

10. The terms of office of the members of the Chamber expire on 30 September 2020.

##### **3. Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes**

11. On 20 February 1997, the Tribunal established the Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes in accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Statute. As at 31 December 2018, the composition of the Chamber, in order of precedence, was as follows: Judge Pawlak, President; Judges Ndiaye, Gao, Kelly, Kulyk, Gómez-Robledo, Cabello Sarubbi, Chadha and Lijnzaad, members.

12. The terms of office of the members of the Chamber expire on 30 September 2020.

#### **4. Chamber for Maritime Delimitation Disputes**

13. On 16 March 2007, the Tribunal established the Chamber for Maritime Delimitation Disputes in accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Statute. As at 31 December 2018, the composition of the Chamber, in order of precedence, was as follows: Judge Paik, President (ex officio); Vice-President Attard and Judges Jesus, Kateka, Bouguetaia, Gómez-Robledo, Chadha, Kittichaisaree, Kolodkin and Lijnzaad, members.

14. The terms of office of the members of the Chamber expire on 30 September 2020.

### **IV. Committees**

15. During the forty-fourth session, on 4 October 2017, the Tribunal reconstituted its committees. The composition of the committees is provided in paragraphs 16 to 21 below.<sup>1</sup>

#### **A. Committee on Budget and Finance**

16. The members of the Committee on Budget and Finance are: Judge Yanai, Chairman; Judges Jesus, Pawlak, Hoffmann, Gao, Bouguetaia, Kulyk, Gómez-Robledo and Cabello Sarubbi, members.

#### **B. Committee on Rules and Judicial Practice**

17. The members of the Committee on Rules and Judicial Practice are: President Paik, Chairman; Vice-President Attard and Judges Ndiaye, Jesus, Cot, Gómez-Robledo, Heidar, Chadha and Lijnzaad, members.

#### **C. Committee on Staff and Administration**

18. The members of the Committee on Staff and Administration are: Judge Jesus, Chairman; Judges Lucky, Yanai, Hoffmann, Heidar and Kolodkin, members.

#### **D. Committee on Library, Archives and Publications**

19. The members of the Committee on Library, Archives and Publications are: Judge Gao, Chairman; Judges Ndiaye, Pawlak, Kateka, Gómez-Robledo and Kolodkin, members.

#### **E. Committee on Buildings and Electronic Systems**

20. The members of the Committee on Buildings and Electronic Systems are: Judge Kulyk, Chairman; Judges Cot, Lucky, Kateka, Kelly and Kittichaisaree, members.

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<sup>1</sup> For the terms of reference of the committees, see: [SPLOS/27](#), paras. 37–40; [SPLOS/50](#), paras. 36–37; and [SPLOS/136](#), para. 46.

## **F. Committee on Public Relations**

21. The members of the Committee on Public Relations are: Judge Heidar, Chairman; Judges Cabello Sarubbi, Chadha, Kittichaisaree and Lijnzaad, members.

## **V. Meetings of the Tribunal**

22. In 2018, judicial meetings of the Tribunal took place as follows:

*The M/V “Norstar” Case (Panama v. Italy)*

The Tribunal met on 15 March 2018 for deliberations on the “request for evidence” of Panama of 11 April 2017.

Initial deliberations of the Tribunal were held on 6 and 7 September 2018. The oral proceedings took place from 10 to 15 September 2018 and the Tribunal met for further deliberations from 1 to 19 October 2018.

23. The Tribunal also held two sessions devoted to legal and judicial matters as well as organizational and administrative matters: the forty-fifth session was held from 12 to 23 March 2018 and the forty-sixth session from 17 to 28 September 2018.

24. The Tribunal decided to hold its forty-seventh session from 11 to 22 March 2019, to deal with legal and judicial matters and with organizational and administrative matters.

## **VI. Judicial work of the Tribunal**

*The M/V “Norstar” Case (Panama v. Italy)*

25. On 17 December 2015, Panama filed an application with the Tribunal dated 16 November 2015 instituting proceedings against Italy in a dispute between the two States concerning the interpretation and application of the Convention “in connection with the arrest and detention by Italy of *M/V Norstar*, an oil tanker registered under the flag of Panama”. The case was entered in the list of cases of the Tribunal as case No. 25.

26. On 3 February 2016, the President adopted an order fixing 28 July 2016 as the time limit for the filing of the memorial by Panama, and 28 January 2017 as the time limit for the filing of the counter-memorial by Italy.

27. On 11 March 2016, within the time limit set in article 97, paragraph 1, of the Rules, Italy filed with the Tribunal “written preliminary objections under article 294, paragraph 3, of the Convention”, challenging the jurisdiction of the Tribunal as well as the admissibility of Panama’s claim.

28. Upon receipt of the preliminary objections by the Registry of the Tribunal, the proceedings on the merits were suspended, pursuant to article 97, paragraph 3, of the Rules.

29. The Tribunal delivered its judgment on the preliminary objections on 4 November 2016.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> A summary of the judgment on preliminary objections of 4 November 2016 is contained in paragraphs 50 to 59 of the annual report of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for 2016 (SPLOS/304).

30. On 29 November 2016, the President, having ascertained the views of the parties, adopted an order fixing 11 April 2017 as the time limit for the filing of the memorial of Panama, and 11 October 2017 as the time limit for the filing of the counter-memorial of Italy. The pleadings were filed within the prescribed time limits.

31. On 15 November 2017, the Tribunal adopted an order fixing 28 February 2018 as the time limit for the filing of the reply of Panama, and 13 June 2018 as the time limit for the filing of the rejoinder of Italy. The pleadings were also filed within the prescribed time limits.

32. In an order dated 20 July 2018, the President fixed 10 September 2018 as the date for the opening of the oral proceedings.

33. Prior to opening of the oral proceedings, the Tribunal held initial deliberations on 6 and 7 September 2018 in accordance with article 68 of the Rules. The hearing was held in 10 public sittings between 10 and 15 September 2018.

34. After the closure of the oral proceedings, the Tribunal met for deliberations from 1 to 19 October 2018.

## **VII. Legal matters**

35. During the period under review, the Tribunal devoted part of its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions to the consideration of legal and judicial matters. In this respect, the Tribunal examined various legal issues of relevance to its jurisdiction, its Rules and its judicial procedures. The review was undertaken both by the Tribunal and by its Chambers. Some of the subjects considered are noted below.

### **A. Jurisdiction of the Tribunal**

36. During the period under review, the Tribunal took note of the information presented by the Registry concerning the status of declarations made under articles 287 and 298 of the Convention.

### **B. Rules of the Tribunal**

37. During the forty-sixth session, on 25 September 2018, the Tribunal amended article 60, paragraph 2, and article 61, paragraph 3, of the Rules, relating to the adoption by the Tribunal of a decision authorizing a second round of written pleadings. Article 60, paragraph 2, refers to the procedure when a case is submitted to the Tribunal by way of an application, while article 61, paragraph 3, refers to the procedure when a case is submitted by way of a special agreement.

38. Under the amended provisions, the President of the Tribunal may authorize a second round of written pleadings if the Tribunal is not sitting. Prior to the amendment, articles 60 and 61 stipulated that authorization should be given by the Tribunal alone. The amendments have been made to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the administration of justice. The Tribunal decided that the amendments would enter into force forthwith.

### **C. Recent developments in law of the sea matters**

39. During the period under review, the Tribunal considered reports prepared by the Registry concerning recent developments in law of the sea matters.

## **D. Chambers**

40. During the period under review, the Chambers of the Tribunal held meetings in which they considered reports prepared by the Registry on matters falling under their responsibilities, such as the protection of the marine environment and legal questions associated with the rise in the sea level as a consequence of climate change.

## **VIII. Agreement on Privileges and Immunities**

41. The Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea was adopted by the seventh Meeting of States Parties on 23 May 1997. It entered into force on 30 December 2001. As at 31 December 2018, 41 States had ratified or acceded to it.

## **IX. Relations with the United Nations and its specialized agencies**

42. At the fiftieth plenary meeting of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, on 11 December 2018, the President of the Tribunal delivered a statement under agenda item 78 (a), “Oceans and the law of the sea”.<sup>3</sup> In his statement, the President gave an overview of the judicial work of the Tribunal. He noted that cases brought before the Tribunal can involve a wide range of subjects and highlighted the different procedures available to States parties to the Convention in cases where a vessel is detained. The President also offered some remarks about the importance of a robust dispute settlement mechanism, to be incorporated in a possible future instrument under the Convention, on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.

43. On 18 September 2018, the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, Miguel de Serpa Soares, visited the Tribunal. He was welcomed by the President and met with the judges of the Tribunal. During the meeting, he made introductory comments on the role of international courts and tribunals and this was followed by a discussion with the judges.

44. On 4 September 2018, the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization, Kitack Lim, visited the Tribunal and was welcomed by the President. The visit provided an opportunity for an exchange of views on matters of common concern to the two organizations. The President drew the attention of Secretary-General Lim to the Tribunal’s jurisdiction in maritime matters and referred to cases on the Tribunal’s docket which have had a direct impact on the shipping industry, in particular disputes concerning the arrest and detention of vessels and their crews. President Paik and Secretary-General Lim also expressed their intention to further develop cooperation between the two organizations.

## **X. Headquarters Agreement**

45. The Headquarters Agreement between the Tribunal and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany was signed on 14 December 2004. In addition, the Agreement between the Tribunal and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on the Occupancy and Use of the Premises of the International Tribunal for

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<sup>3</sup> The text of the statement is available on the Tribunal’s website: <http://www.itlos.org> or <http://www.tidm.org>.



the Law of the Sea in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg was concluded on 18 October 2000.

46. During the period under review, the Registry, in cooperation with the Federal Building Authorities of Germany, made several improvements to the Tribunal's equipment and systems, in particular, enhancing the security installations and renovating the kitchens and pantries.

## **XI. Finances**

### **A. Budgetary matters**

#### **1. Budget of the Tribunal for 2019–2020**

47. The budget proposals for 2019–2020, approved by the Tribunal at its forty-fifth session, were submitted to the twenty-eighth Meeting of States Parties. The proposals, involving an amount of €20,521,200, were based on an evolutionary approach and guided by the principle of zero growth.

48. The Meeting of States Parties adopted the budget for 2019–2020 in the amount of €20,521,200, as proposed by the Tribunal.

#### **2. Report on budgetary matters for the financial periods 2015–2016 and 2017–2018**

49. At its forty-fifth session, the Tribunal considered the report presented by the Registrar on budgetary matters for the financial periods 2015–2016 and 2017–2018. After the report had been considered by the Tribunal, it was submitted to the twenty-eighth Meeting of States Parties for its consideration ([SPLOS/318](#)). The report included the following: information on the cash surplus for the financial period 2015–2016, the provisional performance report for 2017 and a report on action taken pursuant to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Tribunal (the Tribunal's investments and the trust funds established pursuant to regulation 6.5 of the Financial Regulations of the Tribunal).

#### **3. Cash flow situation**

50. At its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions, the Tribunal took note of the information presented by the Registrar concerning the cash flow situation of the Tribunal.

### **B. Status of contributions**

51. As at 31 December 2018, 133 States parties had made contributions to the 2017–2018 budget, totalling €21,154,378, while 35 States parties had not made any payments with respect to their assessed contributions for 2017–2018. The balance of unpaid contributions with respect to the financial period 2017–2018 was €965,552. An amount of €2,963,996 was credited against the assessed contributions for 2019.

52. Furthermore, assessed contributions amounting to €278,834 in respect of the Tribunal's budgets for the financial periods 1996–1997 to 2015–2016 were still pending as at 31 December 2018.

53. The balance of unpaid contributions with respect to the overall budget of the Tribunal amounted to €1,244,357 as at 31 December 2018. In July 2018, the Registrar sent the States parties notes verbales concerning their assessed contributions for 2019 to the Tribunal's 2019–2020 budget and containing information about outstanding contributions to the previous budgets. In December 2018, notes verbales were sent to

the States parties concerned, reminding them of their outstanding contributions to the budgets of the Tribunal.

### C. Financial Regulations and Rules

54. The Financial Regulations of the Tribunal, adopted by the thirteenth Meeting of States Parties on 12 June 2003, became effective on 1 January 2004.<sup>4</sup>

55. Pursuant to financial regulation 10.1 (a), the Tribunal, at its seventeenth session, approved the Financial Rules, which were submitted to the fourteenth Meeting of States Parties for its consideration. The Meeting took note of the Financial Rules of the Tribunal, which, according to rule 114.1, became effective on 1 January 2005.<sup>5</sup>

56. Pursuant to financial regulation 12.1, the twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties appointed BDO as the Tribunal's auditor for the financial periods 2017–2018 and 2019–2020.

### D. Trust funds and donations

57. On the basis of resolution [55/7](#) on “Oceans and the law of the sea” adopted by the General Assembly on 30 October 2000, a voluntary trust fund has been established by the Secretary-General to assist States in connection with disputes to be settled by the Tribunal. According to information provided by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, the financial statements of the trust fund showed a balance of \$169,081 as at 31 December 2018.

58. In addition, the Registrar has established the following trust funds pursuant to regulation 6.5 of the Financial Regulations of the Tribunal: the Nippon Foundation trust fund, the trust fund for the Law of the Sea, the China Institute of International Studies trust fund and the twentieth anniversary trust fund.

59. The Nippon Foundation trust fund was established in 2007, further to a grant provided that year by the Nippon Foundation to fund the participation of fellows in a capacity-building and training programme on dispute settlement under the Convention. For the period 2007–2018, the Nippon Foundation made 12 contributions to the grant. As at 31 December 2018, the balance of total reserves stood at €411,338.

60. In 2010, pursuant to a decision of the Tribunal at its twenty-eighth session, the trust fund for the law of the sea was established. Its terms of reference were adopted by the Tribunal and submitted to the twentieth Meeting of States Parties for its consideration. The trust fund is intended to promote human resources development in developing countries with regard to the law of the sea and maritime affairs in general. Contributions made to the trust fund are used to provide applicants from developing countries with financial assistance to enable them to participate in the Tribunal's internship programme and the summer academy. States, intergovernmental organizations and agencies, national institutions, non-governmental organizations and international financial institutions, as well as natural and juridical persons, are invited to make voluntary financial or other contributions to the trust fund. For the period 2010–2017, seven contributions to the trust fund were made by the Korea Maritime Institute, one by the Government of China and one by Korwind. In 2018, the Korea Maritime Institute made a further contribution in the amount of €30,000 to

<sup>4</sup> Financial Regulations, regulation 14.1.

<sup>5</sup> The Financial Regulations and Rules of the Tribunal are contained in document [SPLOS/120](#).

be used for a future regional workshop. As at 31 December 2018, the balance of total reserves stood at €232,461.

61. In 2012, the China Institute of International Studies provided a grant, in the amount of €100,000, to finance training activities of the Tribunal, including regional workshops, and to provide grants to participants from developing countries in the internship programme and the summer academy. The moneys in the China Institute of International Studies trust fund have been fully utilized and the bank account that had been opened for it was closed in 2018. The final report of the China Institute of International Studies trust fund will be included in the 2017–2018 financial statements of the Tribunal.

62. In 2015, at its fortieth session, the Tribunal approved the terms of reference for the twentieth anniversary trust fund. In total, four contributions were received: two contributions of €25,000 each from the Korea Maritime Institute in May 2016 and July 2016; a contribution of €109,443 from the Government of Japan in July 2016; and a contribution of €7,000 from the Government of Germany in December 2016. The moneys in the twentieth anniversary trust fund have been fully utilized and the bank account that had been opened for it was closed in 2017. The final report of the twentieth anniversary trust fund will be included in the 2017–2018 financial statements of the Tribunal.

## **XII. Administrative matters**

63. During the period under review, the committees of the Tribunal considered various administrative matters within the scope of their activities. Reference to some of the matters considered is made in the paragraphs below.

### **A. Staff Regulations and Staff Rules**

64. In order to ensure compatibility between the Staff Regulations of the Tribunal and the United Nations common system of salaries, allowances and benefits, as required under regulation 12.6 of the Staff Regulations, the Tribunal, during the period under review, approved the recommendations of the Committee on Staff and Administration regarding amendments to the Staff Regulations concerning the mandatory age of separation, the education grant and the salary scale for staff in the Professional and higher categories.

65. During the period under review, in the light of the recommendation of the Committee on Staff and Administration, the Tribunal took note of the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Tribunal concerning retirement age, education grants, administrative leave, work-related accidents and the salary scale for staff in the General Service category. Pursuant to regulations 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4 of the Staff Regulations, the amendments to the Staff Rules, which had been provisional, entered into full force and effect on 1 January 2019.

### **B. Staff recruitment**

66. In 2018, the Tribunal recruited a staff member for the post of Legal Officer (P-3).

67. At the end of 2018, recruitment was in progress with respect to the posts of: Senior Legal Officer/Head of Legal Office (P-5); Associate Legal Officer (P-2); Associate Archivist (P-2); and Personal Assistant (President) (G-7).

68. A list of the staff members of the Registry as at 31 December 2018 is contained in annex I to the present report.

69. Temporary personnel were recruited to assist the Tribunal during its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions and during the hearings and deliberations in case No. 25.

70. The staff of the Registry consists of 38 staff members, of whom 18 are in the Professional and higher categories. The recruitment of staff members in the Professional category, excluding language staff, is subject to the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in accordance with regulation 4.2 of the Staff Regulations. Taking into account the small number of staff in the Registry of the Tribunal, a flexible regional approach has been followed in this regard. This regulation provides:

The paramount consideration in the appointment, transfer or promotion of the staff shall be the necessity for securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity. Due regard shall be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible.

71. The Tribunal has taken steps to ensure that vacancy announcements are disseminated in such a way as to recruit staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible. Information on vacancies is transmitted to the embassies in Berlin of the States parties to the Convention, and to the permanent missions in New York. The information is also posted on the Tribunal's website and published in the press.

72. Although the principle of geographical distribution does not apply to the recruitment of General Service staff, the Tribunal has also made efforts to recruit General Service staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible.

### **C. Staff Pension Committee**

73. Further to the proposal of the Tribunal, the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties decided that a Staff Pension Committee should be established with the following composition: (a) one member and one alternate member to be chosen by the Meeting; (b) one member and one alternate member to be appointed by the Registrar; and (c) one member and one alternate member to be elected by the staff. The term of office of members and alternates is three years.

74. The twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties adopted a decision extending the nominations of Indonesia as member and Canada as alternate member of the Committee for a three-year term of office starting on 1 July 2016 ([SPLOS/302](#)).

### **D. Language classes at the Tribunal**

75. English and French classes for Registry staff members were held in 2018.

## **XIII. Buildings and electronic systems**

### **A. Building arrangements and new requirements**

76. During the forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions, the Registrar presented reports on building arrangements and the use of the Tribunal's premises. The reports were reviewed by the Committee on Buildings and Electronic Systems with a view to improving the working conditions of the Tribunal.

## B. Use of the premises and public access

77. The following events took place on the premises of the Tribunal during 2018:

(a) Twelfth International Foundation for the Law of the Sea (IFLOS) maritime talks, on the theme “Migrants at sea – practical and legal aspects of the refugee situation in the Mediterranean”, 17 March 2018;

(b) IFLOS summer academy, from 22 July to 17 August 2018;

(c) Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency symposium on future challenges and the use and protection of the sea, 17 October 2018.

78. In addition, some 2,500 visitors took part in organized tours of the premises of the Tribunal in 2018. More than 300 members of the public visited the Tribunal during a diplomatic and consular open evening organized by the city of Hamburg on 15 May 2018.

## XIV. Library facilities and archives

79. During the forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions, the Registrar reported on several matters pertaining to the Library, including the collections and an integrated library management system. He also presented reports on the archive collections and databases.

80. A list of donors to the Library is contained in annex II to the present report.

## XV. Publications

81. The status of the Tribunal’s publications was reviewed by the Committee on Library, Archives and Publications during the forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions of the Tribunal.

82. During the period under review, the following volumes were published:

(a) *ITLOS Reports of Judgments, Advisory Opinions and Orders 2017, Vol. 17*;

(b) *ITLOS Pleadings, Minutes of Public Sitings and Documents 2016, Vol. 25*.

## XVI. Public relations

83. During the period under review, the Committee on Public Relations gave consideration to a set of measures to provide information on the work of the Tribunal, including the use of social media by the Tribunal, dissemination of information on the Tribunal and participation by representatives of the Tribunal in international legal meetings. In this connection, the Tribunal has established profiles on Twitter (@ITLOS\_TIDM) and LinkedIn ([www.linkedin.com/company/international-tribunal-for-the-law-of-the-sea/](http://www.linkedin.com/company/international-tribunal-for-the-law-of-the-sea/)).

84. The Tribunal publicized its work by means of its website, press releases and briefings by the Registry, and through the distribution of its judgments, orders and publications.

85. The website can be accessed at the following addresses: <http://www.itlos.org> (English) and <http://www.tidm.org> (French). The texts of judgments and orders of the Tribunal, and verbatim records of hearings, are available on the website, together with other information about the Tribunal.

86. In 2018, judges and Registry staff members also delivered lectures and published papers on the work of the Tribunal.

## **XVII. Capacity-building activities**

87. A number of capacity-building activities relating to the work of the Tribunal continued to be conducted in 2018.

### **A. Internship programme**

88. The internship programme of the Tribunal, which was established in 1997, is designed to give participants the opportunity to gain an understanding of the work and functions of the Tribunal. Funding has been available for applicants from developing countries to assist them in covering the costs incurred for travel to Hamburg and for participation in the programme. The trust fund for the Law of the Sea is currently used to provide financial assistance to interns.

89. As at the end of 2018, a total of 351 interns from 95 States had participated in the programme, with 153 interns benefiting from funding.

90. During 2018, 14 persons from 14 States (Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, China, Ethiopia, India, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, South Africa, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) served as interns at the Tribunal.

91. Information on the programme and an online application form can be obtained from the Tribunal's website.

### **B. Capacity-building and training programme**

92. In 2018, for the twelfth time, a capacity-building and training programme on dispute settlement under the Convention was conducted with the support of the Nippon Foundation. The Nippon Foundation Grant was set up in 2007 to provide capacity-building and training to fellows and assist them in covering the costs incurred by participating in the programme. During the programme, participants attend lectures on topical issues related to the law of the sea and maritime law and training courses on negotiation and delimitation. They also visit institutions working in the fields of law of the sea, maritime law and dispute settlement. At the same time, participants carry out individual research on selected topics. Information about the programme can be obtained from the Registry or from the Tribunal's website.

93. Nationals of Argentina, Benin, the Comoros, Papua New Guinea, Singapore and Ukraine are participating in the 2018–2019 programme (July 2018–March 2019).

### **C. Regional workshops**

94. The Tribunal has organized a series of workshops in different regions of the world on the settlement of disputes related to the law of the sea. The purpose of the workshops is to provide government experts working on maritime and law of the sea matters with insight into the procedures for dispute settlement contained in part XV of the Convention, with special emphasis on the jurisdiction of the Tribunal and the procedural rules applicable to cases before the Tribunal.

95. During 2018, a workshop organized by the Tribunal in cooperation with the Government of Cabo Verde and with the financial support of the Korea Maritime

Institute and the China Institute of International Studies was held in Mindelo, Cabo Verde, on 2 and 3 May. The theme of the workshop was “The role of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in the settlement of disputes related to the law of the sea”. The workshop was attended by representatives of eight States of the region (Angola, Benin, Cabo Verde, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe and Togo), as well as by a representative of the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission.

#### **D. Summer academy**

96. The International Foundation for the Law of the Sea held the twelfth summer academy at the Tribunal’s premises from 22 July to 17 August 2018, on the theme “Promoting ocean governance and peaceful settlement of disputes”. A total of 39 participants from 29 countries attended lectures on issues relating to the law of the sea and maritime law. The lectures were given by judges of the Tribunal and the Registrar, as well as by experts, practitioners, representatives of international organizations and scientists.

## Annex I

### List of staff (2018)

#### A. Professional and higher categories

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Level of post</i>	<i>Level of incumbent</i>
Gautier, Philippe	Registrar	Belgium	ASG	ASG
Hinrichs, Ximena	Deputy Registrar	Chile	D-2	D-2
Vacant	Senior Legal Officer/Head of Legal Office		P-5	
Guy, Pauline	Senior Translator/Reviser – Head of Linguistic Services	United Kingdom	P-5	P-5
Savadogo, Louis	Legal Officer	Burkina Faso	P-4	P-4
Mizerska-Dyba, Elzbieta	Head of Library and Archives	Poland	P-4	P-4
Gaba Kpayedo, Kafui	Head of Personnel, Building and Security	Togo	P-4	P-4
Füracker, Matthias	Legal Officer	Germany	P-4	P-4
Gaultier, Léonard	Translator/Reviser (French)	France	P-4	P-4
Ritter, Roman	Head of Budget and Finance	Germany	P-4	P-3
Gbadoe, Alfred	Information Technology Officer	Germany	P-3	P-3
Rostan, Jean-Luc	Translator (French)	France	P-3	P-3
Burke, Naomi <sup>a</sup>	Legal Officer	Ireland	P-3	P-3
Ritter, Julia <sup>b</sup>	Press Officer	United Kingdom	P-2	P-2
Vacant <sup>c</sup>	Associate Archivist		P-2	
Buergers-Vereshchak, Svitlana	Associate Administrative Officer (Contributions/Budget)	Ukraine	P-2	P-2
Vorbeck, Antje	Associate Administrative Officer (Personnel)	Germany	P-2	P-2
Vacant	Associate Legal Officer		P-2	

#### Total posts: 18

<sup>a</sup> Naomi Burke has been on special leave since 12 December 2018.

<sup>b</sup> The post of Press Officer is occupied 50 per cent by the incumbent of the post, Julia Ritter. The remaining 50 per cent is currently occupied by Benjamin Benirschke on the basis of a temporary appointment.

<sup>c</sup> The post is currently temporarily occupied by Dejan Berberovic on a fixed-term appointment on a secondment basis.



## B. General Service category

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Level of post</i>	<i>Level of incumbent</i>
Bothe, Andreas	Building Coordinator	Germany	G-7	G-7
Egert, Anke	Publications/Personal Assistant (Registrar)	Germany	G-7	G-7
Winkelmann, Jacqueline	Administrative Assistant (Procurement)	Germany	G-7	G-7
Mba, Patrice	Information Systems Assistant	Cameroon	G-7	G-7
Albiez, Berit	Linguistic Assistant/Judiciary Support	Germany	G-7	G-7
Vacant	Personal Assistant (President)		G-7	
Naegler, Thorsten	Finance Assistant	Germany	G-6	G-6
Karanja, Elizabeth	Administrative Assistant	Kenya	G-6	G-6
Koch, Béatrice	Legal Assistant	France	G-6	G-6
Bartlett, Emma	Personnel Assistant	United Kingdom	G-6	G-6
Heim, Svenja	Library Assistant	Germany	G-6	G-6
Rakotomalala, Brigitte	Linguistic Assistant/Judiciary Support	France	G-6	G-6
Gomez Ramirez, Juan	Administrative Assistant (Finance)	Colombia	G-6	G-6
Fusiek, Christoph	Finance Assistant (Accounts Payable)	Germany	G-5	G-5
Marzahn, Inga	Administrative Assistant	Germany	G-5	G-5
Fislage, Sylvie	Personal Assistant (Deputy Registrar)	France	G-5	G-4
Banerjee, Mita	Administrative Assistant	Germany	G-5	G-4
Duddek, Sven	Senior Security Officer/Building Superintendent	Germany	G-4	G-4
Aziamble, Papagne	Administrative Support/Driver	Togo	G-4	G-4
Ntinugwa, Chuks	Security Officer/Driver	Germany	G-3	G-3

**Total posts: 20**

## Annex II

### **List of donors to the Library of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea as at 31 December 2018**

Centre de droit maritime et océanique, Faculté de droit et des sciences politiques,  
Université de Nantes, France

Chinese Society of the Law of the Sea, Beijing

Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, Hobart,  
Australia

International Maritime Organization, London

Japan Branch of the International Law Association, Tokyo

Seokwoo Lee, Inha University Law School, Incheon, Republic of Korea

Mareverlag, Hamburg, Germany

Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht,  
Heidelberg, Germany

Shaban Murati, Tirana

Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization, Dartmouth, Canada

Sevin Toluner, Retired Head of the International Law Department, Istanbul  
University School of Law, Istanbul, Turkey

Frank Wacht, Juristische Fakultät der Universität Trier, Germany

Walther-Schücking-Institut für Internationales Recht an der Universität Kiel,  
Germany

World Trade Organization, Geneva

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