

**AMENDMENTS TO THE GUIDELINES CONCERNING THE PREPARATION
AND PRESENTATION OF CASES BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL
as adopted by the Tribunal on 25 September 2025**

The Tribunal,

Acting pursuant to article 50 of the Rules of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,

Adopts the following amendments to the Guidelines concerning the Preparation and Presentation of Cases before the Tribunal of 28 October 1997:

(i) Paragraph 1 shall be amended as follows:

1. Two hard copies, an original and a certified copy, of every pleading and its supporting documents should be prepared in the format 21 x 29.7 cm, 8.27" x 11.69" (A4). In addition, electronic versions of every pleading and its supporting documents should be prepared in PDF and MS Word. The parties should consult the Registry's *Rules for the Preparation of Texts*.

(ii) Paragraph 2 shall be amended as follows:

2. A pleading should be as concise as possible. The parties are also requested to append to their pleadings only strictly relevant supporting documents.

(iii) Paragraph 3 shall be amended as follows:

3. Every pleading should contain a table of contents and a list of supporting documents. The table and list should be placed at the beginning of the pleading but before the commencement of Part I.

(iv) Paragraph 4 shall be amended as follows:

4. Every pleading and its supporting documents should be arranged, where practicable, in two parts, namely, Part I – memorial or counter-memorial or reply or rejoinder, as the case may be, and Part II – supporting documents. The documents should be arranged in the same order as in the table of contents. Each document should be given a heading, which should be repeated at the top of each page over which the document extends.

(v) Paragraph 5 shall be amended as follows:

5. If the reproduction in large numbers of a particular document (e.g., a large map) presents technical problems, the matter should be raised with the Registrar at the earliest opportunity, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

(vi) Paragraph 9 shall be amended as follows:

9. Unless otherwise specified by the Registrar, each party should furnish to the Registry 60 additional copies of its pleading with supporting documents.

(vii) Paragraph 10 shall be amended as follows:

10. Upon receipt of a pleading, the Registrar will endorse on it the date of its receipt in the Registry. All pleadings, documents and other communications may be submitted to the Tribunal directly in person or through courier or regular mail. They may also be submitted through electronic means in clear form. In determining whether a party has submitted its pleadings, documents or other communications within the time-limits fixed by or under the Rules, the date on which the Tribunal receives them electronically will be regarded as the material date provided they are followed without unreasonable delay by the paper originals thereof.

(viii) Paragraphs 12 and 13 shall be deleted.

(ix) Paragraph 14 shall be renumbered as paragraph 12, paragraph 15 as paragraph 13, paragraph 16 as paragraph 14, paragraph 17 as paragraph 15, paragraph 18 as paragraph 16, and paragraph 19 as paragraph 17.

(x) Paragraph 13 (new numbering) shall be amended as follows:

13. The oral statements should be as succinct as possible and should not merely repeat the facts and arguments contained in the written pleadings.

(xi) Paragraph 14 (new numbering) shall be amended as follows:

14. The parties will be required to keep within the time allotted for the presentation of their oral statements.

(xii) Paragraph 15 (new numbering) shall be amended as follows:

15. Unless otherwise decided, the Tribunal sits between 10.00 to 13.00 and 15.00 to 18.00 on all days on which the Tribunal holds oral proceedings.

(xiii) Paragraph 16 (new numbering) shall be amended as follows:

16. The parties are required to inform of any visual demonstration facilities needed in advance of the oral proceedings.

Decides that these amendments enter into force forthwith.

Done in English and in French, both texts being authoritative, in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, this twenty-fifth day of September, two thousand and twenty-five.

(signed)
TOMAS HEIDAR,
President

(signed)
XIMENA HINRICHS OYARCE,
Registrar