



**MEETING OF THE  
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**Forty-fourth Session**  
**Hamburg, 25 September – 6 October 2017**

**Resolution on the Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes**

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,

*Acting* pursuant to article 15, paragraph 1, of its Statute,

*Noting* that at a meeting on 14 February 1997 the Tribunal formed the Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes as a standing special chamber of the Tribunal,

*Noting* that it established the terms of reference of the Chamber in its resolution of 28 April 1997,

1. *Records* that the Chamber is composed of nine members and that, if the number of members able to sit in a given case falls below seven, new members shall be selected by the Tribunal in order to bring the number to seven at least;
2. *Records* that the quorum required for meetings is seven members;
3. *Records* that the Chamber will be available to deal with disputes which the parties agree to submit to it concerning the interpretation or application of any provision of:
  - (a) the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea concerning the protection and preservation of the marine environment;

(b) special conventions and agreements relating to the protection and preservation of the marine environment referred to in article 237 of the Convention; and

(c) any agreement relating to the protection and preservation of the marine environment which confers jurisdiction on the Tribunal;

4. *Records* that the Tribunal, at a meeting on 4 October 2017, selected the following Members of the Tribunal to serve on the Chamber with immediate effect:

Judges	Judge Ndiaye
	Judge Pawlak
	Judge Gao
	Judge Kelly
	Judge Kulyk
	Judge Gómez-Robledo
	Judge Cabello
	Judge Chadha
	Judge Lijnzaad

5. *Records* that Judge Pawlak was elected on 5 October 2017 by the members of the Chamber as its President;

6. *Records* that the term of office of the members will end on 30 September 2020.

*Adopted on 5 October 2017*