

**INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA**



**YEAR 2023**

15 February 2023

**REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION  
SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION OF SMALL ISLAND STATES  
ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW**

**(REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION  
SUBMITTED TO THE TRIBUNAL)**

**ORDER**

The President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,

Having regard to articles 21 and 27 of the Statute of the Tribunal,

Having regard to articles 130, 133 and 138 of the Rules of the Tribunal,

Having regard to the Order of the President of the Tribunal of 16 December 2022;

*Makes the following Order:*

Whereas, by Order dated 16 December 2022, the President of the Tribunal invited the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law and other intergovernmental organizations listed in the annex to that Order to present written statements on the questions submitted to the Tribunal for an advisory opinion;

Whereas, by the same Order, the President of the Tribunal fixed 16 May 2023 as the time-limit within which written statements on those questions could be presented;

Whereas, further to a request from the African Union dated 31 January 2023, the President of the Tribunal decided, on 2 February 2023, to consider the African Union an intergovernmental organization likely to be able to furnish information on the questions submitted to the Tribunal for an advisory opinion and, therefore, to invite the African Union to do so within the above-mentioned time-limit;

Whereas a request for the extension of the time-limit for the submission of written statements has been received by the Tribunal;

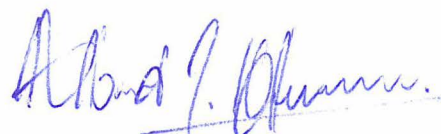
Whereas, by Order dated 16 December 2022, the President of the Tribunal decided, in accordance with article 133, paragraph 4, of the Rules of the Tribunal, that oral proceedings shall be held;

Whereas the date of the opening of the hearing, at which oral statements and comments will be presented to the Tribunal, will be fixed in a subsequent procedural order;

*Extends* to 16 June 2023 the time-limit within which written statements may be presented to the Tribunal pursuant to article 133, paragraph 3, of the Rules of the Tribunal;

*Reserves* the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and in French, both texts being equally authoritative, in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, this fifteenth day of February, two thousand and twenty-three.



ALBERT J. HOFFMANN  
President



XIMENA HINRICHS OYARCE  
Registrar

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