

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA



YEAR 2026

6 July 2026

**DISPUTE CONCERNING DELIMITATION OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARY
BETWEEN GHANA AND TOGO IN THE GULF OF GUINEA**

(GHANA/TOGO)

ORDER

The President of the Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea formed to deal with the above-mentioned case under article 15, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Tribunal (hereinafter “the Statute”),

Having regard to article 27 of the Statute,

Having regard to articles 31, 45, 46, 59, 61, 107 and 109 of the Rules of the Tribunal,

Having regard to the Order of the Tribunal of 12 June 2026,

Makes the following Order:

1. Whereas, pursuant to the request of the Republic of Ghana (hereinafter “Ghana”) and the Republic of Togo (hereinafter “Togo”), the Tribunal, by its Order dated 12 June 2026, formed a special chamber of seven judges to deal with the above-mentioned case and declared the Special Chamber to have been duly constituted;

2. Whereas, in the said Order, the Tribunal reserved the subsequent procedure for further decision by the Special Chamber;

3. Whereas the Minutes of Consultations attached to the Special Agreement concluded between Ghana and Togo on 3 June 2026 provide, *inter alia*, that the Parties request the Special Chamber to authorize that the written proceedings shall consist, in the following order, of a Memorial by Ghana, a Counter-Memorial by Togo, a Reply by Ghana and a Rejoinder by Togo;

4. Whereas video consultations were held by the President of the Special Chamber with the representatives of the Parties on 29 June 2026 to ascertain the views of the Parties with regard to questions of procedure in respect of the case;

5. Whereas, during these consultations, the Agent of Ghana and the Agent of Togo agreed on the following time limits for the filing of the written pleadings:

6 January 2027 time limit for the filing of the Memorial by Ghana;

6 July 2027 time limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial by Togo;

and, should the Special Chamber find it necessary to authorize the presentation of a reply and a rejoinder, the time limits for the filing of these pleadings should be as follows:

6 December 2027 time limit for the filing of the Reply by Ghana;

6 May 2028 time limit for the filing of the Rejoinder by Togo;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL CHAMBER

Having ascertained the views of the Parties,

Fixes the following time limits for the filing of the Memorial and Counter-Memorial:

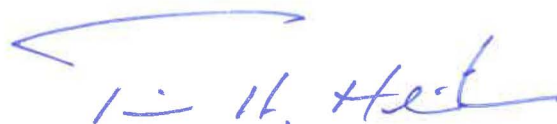
6 January 2027 for the Memorial of Ghana;

6 July 2027 for the Counter-Memorial of Togo;

and

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 sixth day of July, two thousand and twenty-six, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal and the others transmitted to the Government of Ghana and to the Government of Togo, respectively.



Tomas HEIDAR,
President of the Special Chamber



Ximena HINRICHS OYARCE,
Registrar
