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**DIFFÉREND RELATIF À LA DÉLIMITATION DE LA
FRONTIÈRE MARITIME ENTRE LE GHANA ET LA CÔTE D'IVOIRE
DANS L'OCÉAN ATLANTIQUE
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Present: Vice-President BOUGUETAIA, *President of the Special Chamber;*
Judges WOLFRUM, PAIK; Judges ad hoc MENSAH, ABRAHAM;
Registrar GAUTIER.

The Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (hereinafter “the Special Chamber”) formed to deal with the dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Ghana and Côte d’Ivoire in the Atlantic Ocean,

composed as above,

after deliberation,

Having regard to article 27 of the Statute of the Tribunal,

Having regard to articles 45, 46, 59, 61, 107 and 109 of the Rules of the Tribunal (hereinafter “the Rules”),

Having regard to the Order of the Tribunal of 12 January 2015,

Having regard to the Order of the President of the Special Chamber of 24 February 2015,

Makes the following Order:

Whereas the Tribunal, by its Order dated 12 January 2015, decided that the written proceedings shall consist of a Memorial presented by Ghana and a Counter-Memorial presented by Côte d’Ivoire;

Whereas the President of the Special Chamber, by his Order dated 24 February 2015, fixed 4 September 2015 and 4 April 2016 as the time-limits for the filing, respectively, of the Memorial of Ghana and the Counter-Memorial of Côte d’Ivoire;

Whereas, by its Order dated 12 January 2015, the Tribunal further decided that the Special Chamber may authorize or direct the presentation of a Reply by Ghana and a Rejoinder by Côte d’Ivoire if it decides, at the request of a party or *proprio motu*, that these pleadings are necessary;

Whereas, during consultations held by the President of the Special Chamber with the representatives of the Parties on 18 February 2015, the Agent of Ghana and the Agent of Côte d'Ivoire agreed that should the Special Chamber find it necessary to authorize the presentation of reply and rejoinder, the time-limits for the filing of these pleadings should be as follows:

4 July 2016	time-limit for the filing of the Reply by Ghana
4 October 2016	time-limit for the filing of the Rejoinder by Côte d'Ivoire;

THE SPECIAL CHAMBER

Taking into account the agreement of the Parties,

Authorizes the submission of a Reply by Ghana and Rejoinder by Côte d'Ivoire;

Fixes the following time-limits for the filing of those pleadings in this case:

4 July 2016	for the Reply of Ghana;
4 October 2016	for the Rejoinder of Côte d'Ivoire; 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 sixteenth day of March, two thousand and sixteen, 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 Côte d'Ivoire, respectively.

(*signed*) Boualem BOUGUETAIA
President

(*signed*) PHILIPPE GAUTIER
Registrar