

**Consultations by the President of the Tribunal
with representatives of Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire,
under article 3 of annex VII
to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

Minutes of consultations

1. At the invitation of the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, delegations from Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire participated in consultations with the President under Annex VII to the Convention, held on 2 and 3 December 2014, at the premises of the Tribunal in Hamburg, Germany, on matters relating to the arbitration proceedings instituted by Ghana in the dispute between Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire concerning the delimitation of the maritime boundary between Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire in the Atlantic Ocean, including the possible transfer of the dispute to a special chamber of the Tribunal under article 15, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Tribunal.

2. The composition of the delegations was as follows:

For Ghana:

H.E. Ms Marietta Brew Appiah-Opong, Attorney General and Minister for Justice, Agent
Ms Sylvia Adusu, Chief State Attorney, Counsel
Prof. Philippe Sands QC, Matrix Chambers
Mr Larry Martin, Foley Hoag
Mr Fui Tsikata, Counsel
Mr Kwame Mfodwo, Advisor
H.E. Ms Akua Sena Dansua, Ambassador of Ghana to Germany

For Côte d'Ivoire:

Dr Ibrahima Diaby, Co-Agent, Directeur Général des Hydrocarbures au Ministère du Pétrole et de l'Énergie de Côte d'Ivoire
Mr Michel Pitron, Avocat au Barreau de Paris
Mr Adama Kamara, Avocat au Barreau de Côte d'Ivoire
Sir Michael Wood, Barrister, 20 Essex Street

3. During the consultations, the parties agreed to transfer the arbitral proceedings instituted by Ghana in the dispute between Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire concerning the delimitation of the maritime boundary between Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire in the Atlantic Ocean to a special chamber of the Tribunal to be formed pursuant to article 15, paragraph 2, of the Statute, it being understood between the parties that, if any objection to jurisdiction or admissibility were to be raised before the special chamber, it shall be dealt with together with the merits.

4. The proceedings of the special chamber shall be governed by the provisions contained in the Rules of the Tribunal and the agreement referred to in paragraph 3 above.

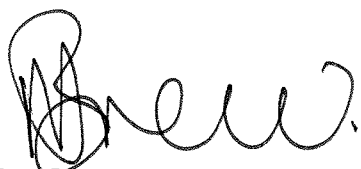
5. The parties request the special chamber to authorize that the written proceedings shall consist, in the following order, of: a Memorial presented by Ghana and a Counter-memorial presented by Côte d'Ivoire. The special chamber may authorize or direct that there shall be a Reply by Ghana and a Rejoinder by Côte d'Ivoire if it decides, at the request of a party or *proprio motu*, that these pleadings are necessary.

6. The parties agreed that the special chamber to be formed pursuant to article 15, paragraph 2, of the Statute shall be composed of five members, two of whom will be judges ad hoc chosen by the parties in accordance with article 17 of the Statute of the Tribunal. The composition of the special chamber will be determined by the Tribunal with the approval of the parties. In this respect, the parties have agreed on the following names:

Judge Bouguetaia
Judge Paik
Judge Wolfrum

The judges ad hoc shall be Mr Thomas Mensah (nominated by Ghana) and Mr Ronny Abraham (nominated by Côte d'Ivoire).

Hamburg, Germany
3 December 2014



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