

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



**YEAR 2021**

5 January 2021

**THE M/T “SAN PADRE PIO” (No. 2) CASE**

**(SWITZERLAND/NIGERIA)**

**ORDER**

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

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

Having regard to article 59, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Rules of the Tribunal,

Having regard to the Order of the President of the Tribunal of 7 January 2020,

*Makes the following Order:*

1. Whereas, pursuant to the Order of 7 January 2020, the President of the Tribunal fixed 6 July 2020 as the time-limit for the filing of the Memorial of Switzerland and 6 January 2021 as the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of Nigeria;

2. Whereas, by a letter dated 4 January 2021, the Agent of Nigeria requested that the time-limit fixed for the submission of the Counter-Memorial of Nigeria be extended by three months, until 6 April 2021;

3. Whereas, in the same letter, the Agent of Nigeria provided justification in support of the request for an extension by reference to the emergence and spread of the COVID-19 global pandemic;

4. Whereas, by letter dated 5 January 2021, the Agent of Switzerland informed the Tribunal that Switzerland did not object to the request for extension submitted by Nigeria;

5. Being satisfied that there is adequate justification for the request for an extension of the time-limit,

#### THE PRESIDENT

Having ascertained the view of the Parties,

*Extends* the time-limit for the submission of the Counter-Memorial of Nigeria to 6 April 2021;

*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 fifth day of January, two thousand and twenty-one, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal and the others transmitted to the Government of Switzerland and to the Government of Nigeria, respectively.



Albert J. HOFFMANN,  
President



Ximena HINRICHS OYARCE,  
Registrar

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