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SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR FIVE NEW MEMBERS OF THE TRIBUNAL

Five judges were sworn in as members of the Tribunal at a public sitting held this morning. Ms Sylvia Ama Adusu (Ghana), Mr George Rodrigo Bandeira Galindo (Brazil), Mr Slim Laghmani (Tunisia), Ms Lan-Anh Thi Nguyen (Viet Nam) and Mr Bimal N. Patel (India) were elected at the thirty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to serve a term of nine years, commencing on 1 October 2026. During the sitting, the new members made the solemn declaration, as provided for by article 11 of the Statute of the Tribunal, to exercise their powers impartially and conscientiously.



Judges Laghmani, Nguyen, Adusu, Patel and Galindo (from left to right)

The curricula vitae of the five new judges may be found on the [website](#) of the Tribunal. A webcast of the ceremony is also available on the [website](#).

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