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# Press Release

## RESIGNATION OF JUDGE GUANGJIAN XU

Hamburg, 23 August 2007. Judge Guangjian Xu has tendered his resignation as a Member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea by letter of 15 August 2007, addressed to the President of the Tribunal, Judge Rüdiger Wolfrum. In accordance with the Statute of the Tribunal, the place of Judge Xu became vacant upon receipt of his letter of resignation.

Pursuant to the Statute, invitations to fill the vacancy will be issued by the Registrar of the Tribunal within one month of the occurrence of the vacancy and the date of the election shall be fixed by the President after consultation with the States Parties. The Member elected shall hold office for the remainder of Judge Xu's term, which would have expired in 2011.

A former Legal Adviser and Ambassador of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, Judge Xu is Senior Researcher of the Hainan Research Institute of the South China Sea and Senior Adviser of the Chinese Institute of Marine Affairs. He has published various articles on international law and the law of the sea.

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