Hamburg, 6 March 2009. Mr Paik (Republic of Korea) was elected today member of the Tribunal at a Special Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The election took place to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge Choon-Ho Park (Republic of Korea). In accordance with article 6 of the Statute of the Tribunal, Mr Paik will hold office for the remainder of his predecessor's nine-year term, which expires on 30 September 2014.

Mr Paik was Associate Dean at Seoul National University, Graduate School of International Studies in 2003 and from 2005 to 2007. From 2003 to 2004, he was Visiting Professor at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies and Visiting Fellow at Stanford University’s Hoover Institution. He also served as Director of the SNU-KIEP EU Center at Seoul National University from 2006 to 2008. Mr Paik has served as Legal Advisor to Korean delegations on many occasions. Mr Paik is currently Director of the Haesung Institute for Ethics in International Affairs (Republic of Korea) and President of the Korean Council on the United Nations System. Since 2008, he has served as Director of the Institute of International Affairs of Seoul National University. In 1997, Mr Paik was appointed Professor at Seoul University, Graduate School of International Studies. Mr Paik has published many books and articles in the field of international law and law of the sea.

Judge Paik’s detailed biographical information may be found on the website of the Tribunal at: http://www.itlos.org/general_information/judges/text_en.shtml

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