Hamburg, 16 March 2009. At a public ceremony held this morning, Mr Jin-Hyun Paik (Republic of Korea) was sworn in as a member of the Tribunal. Judge Paik was elected on 6 March 2009 at a Special Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge Choon-Ho Park (Republic of Korea). Judge Paik will serve the remainder of his predecessor's nine-year term, which expires on 30 September 2014.

In accordance with article 11 of the Statute of the Tribunal, before taking up duties, a newly-elected judge has to make a solemn declaration. The Statute of the Tribunal may be found at http://www.itlos.org/start2_en.html.

The curriculum vitae of Judge Paik may be found on the website of the Tribunal at: www.itlos.org/general_information/judges/text_en.shtml.

The press releases of the Tribunal, documents and other information are available on the Tribunal's websites: www.itlos.org and www.tidm.org and from the Registry of the Tribunal. Please contact Ms Julia Ritter or Ms Johanna van Kisdeld:

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