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Press Release

CLARIFICATION

Recently certain news organizations have been circulating erroneous information stating that the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea is prepared to try pirates. This information is inaccurate, since, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the Tribunal deals mainly with disputes between States Parties to the Convention; it is not a criminal court and has no competence to try pirates.

The Press Releases of the Tribunal, documents and other information are available on the Tribunal's websites: <http://www.itlos.org> and <http://www.tidm.org> and from the Registry of the Tribunal. Please contact Ms Julia Ritter or Ms Johanna van Kisfeld at Am Internationalen Seegerichtshof 1, 22609 Hamburg, Germany, Tel.: +49 (40) 35607-227, Fax: +49 (40) 35607-245; E-mail: press@itlos.org