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**RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF STATES SPONSORING PERSONS
AND ENTITIES WITH RESPECT TO ACTIVITIES IN THE
INTERNATIONAL SEABED AREA**

**(REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION
SUBMITTED TO THE SEABED DISPUTES CHAMBER)**

TIME-LIMITS EXTENDED FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN STATEMENTS

Hamburg, 29 July 2010. On 28 July 2010, the President of the Seabed Disputes Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Judge Tullio Treves, adopted an Order regarding the submission of written statements in Case No. 17 - Request for an Advisory Opinion on the responsibilities and obligations of States sponsoring persons and entities with respect to activities in the International Seabed Area. The Request was submitted to the Chamber by the Council of the International Seabed Authority on 14 May 2010 (see Press Release 147). In his Order of 18 May 2010, the President of the Seabed Disputes Chamber fixed 9 August 2010 as the time-limit for the presentation of written statements (see Press Release 148).

In the Order of 28 July 2010, the President of the Seabed Disputes Chamber extended to 19 August 2010 the time-limit within which statements may be presented to the Seabed Disputes Chamber, in accordance with article 133, paragraph 3, of the Rules of the Tribunal.

The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.

The text of the Order is available on the website of the Tribunal.

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