



**INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA
TRIBUNAL INTERNATIONAL DU DROIT DE LA MER**

Press Release

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

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

**SEABED DISPUTES CHAMBER TO DELIVER ITS ADVISORY OPINION ON
TUESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 10:45 A.M.**

LIVE WEBCAST ON THE TRIBUNAL'S WEBSITE

Hamburg, 19 January 2011. The Seabed Disputes Chamber will deliver its Advisory Opinion on the Responsibilities and obligations of States sponsoring persons and entities with respect to activities in the Area at a public sitting on Tuesday, 1 February 2011 at 10:45 a.m. The Advisory Opinion will be read by Judge Tullio Treves, President of the Chamber, and transmitted [live](#) on the Tribunal's website.

The history of the proceedings may be found in Press Releases ITLOS/Press 147, 148, 150, 151 and 152.

Attending the reading of the Advisory Opinion

The Advisory Opinion will be read in the main courtroom of the Tribunal at a public sitting. Members of the diplomatic and consular corps, press and general public are welcome to attend but are requested to [register](#) in advance with the Press Office.

Accreditation for media representatives

Members of the press are welcome to attend the reading of the Advisory Opinion but are requested to register in advance with the Press Office using the accreditation form that is available on the website of the Tribunal.

Unobtrusive audio and video recording of the public sitting is possible. Filming is subject to special authorization from the Press Office. Facilities are available for radio crews to connect recording equipment directly to the Tribunal's audio system.

Press information will be available at the sitting itself, or from the Press Office.

Webcast

The reading of the Advisory Opinion will be transmitted [live](#) on the website of the Tribunal. Short interludes in transmission may occur due to congestion on the Tribunal's site. A recorded webcast of the reading of the Advisory Opinion will be available thereafter under [Webcast Archives](#).

The text of the Advisory Opinion will be available shortly after its delivery on the [website](#) of the Tribunal.

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