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Press Release

**PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD IN *THE “ARA LIBERTAD” CASE*
(*ARGENTINA v. GHANA*) ON 29 AND 30 NOVEMBER 2012**

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Hamburg, 22 November 2012. The public hearing on the Request for provisional measures in *the “ARA Libertad” Case (Argentina v. Ghana)* will open on Thursday, 29 November 2012, at 9.30 a.m. Judge Yanai, President of the Tribunal, will preside.

The precise schedule for the hearing will be announced at a later stage.

History of Proceedings

On 14 November 2012, Argentina submitted a request for the prescription of provisional measures under article 290, paragraph 5, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to the Tribunal in a dispute with Ghana concerning the detention by the Ghanaian authorities of the frigate of the Argentine Navy *ARA Libertad*. In its Request for provisional measures, Argentina claims that the frigate *ARA Libertad* was illegally detained by the authorities of Ghana at the Port of Tema on 2 October 2012, where it is still being held. In the provisional measures proceedings before the Tribunal, Argentina requests the prescription of the following provisional measure:

that Ghana unconditionally enables the Argentine warship Frigate *ARA Libertad* to leave the Tema port and the jurisdictional waters of Ghana and to be resupplied to that end.

Attending the hearing

The hearing will take place in the courtroom of the Tribunal and is open to the public. Members of the diplomatic and consular corps and general public are welcome to attend. They are requested to [register](#) in advance.

Accreditation for media representatives

Members of the press are welcome to attend the hearing 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 permitted. 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. Photographs (without flash) may be taken for a few minutes at the opening and at the end of the hearings.

Webcast

The hearing will be broadcast [live](#) on the website. A recorded webcast of the hearing will be available under [Webcast Archives](#).

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