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**THREE ARBITRATORS APPOINTED IN THE ARBITRAL PROCEEDINGS
INSTITUTED BY THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF
GHANA IN RESPECT OF A DISPUTE CONCERNING
THE VESSEL *ARA LIBERTAD***

On 4 February 2013, the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Judge Shunji Yanai, appointed three arbitrators to serve as members of the Annex VII arbitral tribunal instituted in respect of a dispute between the Argentine Republic and the Republic of Ghana concerning the vessel *ARA Libertad*. The arbitrators are Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh (Jordan), Bernard Oxman (United States of America) and Bruno Simma (Germany). The President appointed Bruno Simma as the president of the arbitral tribunal. These appointments were made in consultation with the two parties to the dispute.

In accordance with article 3 of Annex VII of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, if the parties are unable to reach an agreement on the appointment of one or more of the members of the arbitral tribunal, or on the appointment of the president of the arbitral tribunal, these appointments shall be made by the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea at the request of a party to the dispute and in consultation with the parties.

In a letter dated 7 January 2013, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Argentine Republic requested the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea to appoint the three arbitrators and the president of the arbitral tribunal.

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