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DISPUTE CONCERNING DELIMITATION OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARY BETWEEN GHANA AND CÔTE D'IVOIRE IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN (GHANA/CÔTE D'IVOIRE)

REQUEST FOR PROVISIONAL MEASURES

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON 29 AND 30 MARCH 2015

By Order of 6 March 2015, the President of the Special Chamber established to deal with the *Dispute concerning the delimitation of the maritime boundary between Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire in the Atlantic Ocean (Ghana/Côte d'Ivoire)*, Judge Boualem Bouguetaia, has fixed the date for the opening of the hearing in the case as Sunday, 29 March 2015 at 10 a.m. Judge Bouguetaia will preside over the hearing.

The dispute was submitted, by way of special agreement between the two States concerned, to a special chamber of the Tribunal by Order of the Tribunal dated 12 January 2015. On 27 February 2015, Côte d'Ivoire submitted a request for the prescription of provisional measures under article 290, paragraph 1, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, in which it requested the Chamber to prescribe that Ghana shall, *inter alia*, "take all steps to suspend all oil exploration and exploitation operations under way in the disputed area". The hearing on 29 and 30 March 2015 will be devoted to the request for provisional measures.

A public sitting of the Tribunal will also be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 28 March 2015, at which Mr Thomas Mensah, Judge *ad hoc* chosen by Ghana, and Mr Ronny Abraham, Judge *ad hoc* chosen by Côte d'Ivoire, will make the solemn declaration required under article 9 of the Rules of the Tribunal.

The schedule for the hearings is as follows:

First round of oral argument:

Sunday, 29 March 2015

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.:	Côte d'Ivoire
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.:	Ghana

Second round of oral argument:

Monday, 30 March 2015

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Côte d'Ivoire
3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.: Ghana

The swearing-in ceremony and hearings may be viewed [live](#) on the website of the Tribunal. The verbatim records of the hearings will also be published on the website.

Attending the swearing-in ceremony and hearing

The swearing-in ceremony and hearing will be held in the main courtroom of the Tribunal and the sittings are open to the public. Members of the diplomatic and consular corps wishing to attend the sittings are requested to contact the Tribunal's [Protocol Office](#). Members of the general public are requested to register with the [Press Office](#). Members of the press are requested to register using the [accreditation form](#) that is available on the website of the Tribunal.

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