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Press Release

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

**SPECIAL CHAMBER TO DELIVER ITS ORDER
ON SATURDAY, 25 APRIL AT 3 P.M.**

The Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, established to deal with the dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire in the Atlantic Ocean will deliver its Order in the provisional measures phase of the case on Saturday, 25 April 2015. Judge Boualem Bouguetaia, President of the Special Chamber, will read the Order at a public sitting which will be held at 3 p.m.

The public hearing in the case was held on 29 and 30 March 2015. In its final submissions, Côte d'Ivoire requested the Special Chamber to prescribe provisional measures requiring Ghana to:

- “take all steps to suspend all ongoing oil exploration and exploitation operations in the disputed area;
- refrain from granting any new permit for oil exploration and exploitation in the disputed area;
- take all steps necessary to prevent information resulting from past, ongoing or future exploration activities conducted by Ghana, or with its authorization, in the disputed area from being used in any way whatsoever to the detriment of Côte d'Ivoire;
- and, generally, take all necessary steps to preserve the continental shelf, its superjacent waters and its subsoil; and
- desist and refrain from any unilateral action entailing a risk of prejudice to the rights of Côte d'Ivoire and any unilateral action that might lead to aggravating the dispute;”

In its final submission, Ghana requested the Special Chamber to:

“deny all of Côte d'Ivoire's requests for provisional measures”.

Attending the reading of the Order

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

The reading of the Order will be broadcast [live](#) on the website. The text of the Order will be made available on the [website](#) of the Tribunal shortly after its delivery and a recorded webcast of the reading will be made available under [Webcast Archives](#) after the close of the sitting.

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