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Press Release

**THE “ENRICA LEXIE” INCIDENT
(ITALY v. INDIA)**

PUBLIC HEARING TO BEGIN ON 10 AUGUST 2015

On 21 July, the Italian Republic submitted a request to the Tribunal for the prescription of provisional measures under article 290, paragraph 5, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (“the Convention”) in a dispute with the Republic of India over the incident involving the *MV Enrica Lexie*, an oil tanker flying the Italian flag.

By Order dated 24 July 2015, the President of the Tribunal, Judge Vladimir Golitsyn, fixed 10 August 2015 as the date for the opening of the public hearing in the case. A copy of the Order of the President is available on the website of the Tribunal. The hearing is expected to last two days. The schedule of the hearing will be announced on the [website of the Tribunal](#).

Attending the hearing

The hearing, which will be presided over by President Golitsyn, will be held in the main courtroom of the Tribunal and is open to the public. Members of the diplomatic and consular corps wishing to attend the hearing are requested to contact the Tribunal’s [Protocol Office](#). Members of the press are requested to register in advance with the [Press Office](#) using the [accreditation form](#).

Unobtrusive audio and video recording of the public sittings 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 will be made available under [Webcast Archives](#) after the close of each sitting. The verbatim records of the hearing will be published shortly thereafter on the website of the Tribunal.

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