Mr Antonio Cachapuz de Medeiros was elected today at a Special Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in New York. The meeting was held to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Vicente Marotta Rangel (Brazil) on 18 May 2015. In accordance with article 6 of the Statute of the Tribunal, Mr Cachapuz de Medeiros will hold office for the remainder of his predecessor's nine-year term, which expires on 30 September 2017.

Mr Cachapuz de Medeiros has been Legal Advisor to the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil since 1998, heading diplomatic delegations to over 40 international conferences and bilateral meetings. He is a Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and an honorary Member of the Governing Council of UNIDROIT. He has acted as Judge of the Administrative-Labour Court of MERCOSUR, as President of the Administrative-Labour Court of the Latin American Integration Association. He is Professor of Public International Law at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul. His biography may be found on the Tribunal’s website.

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