



INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA  
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# Press Release

**TRIBUNAL TO DELIVER ITS ORDER ON 25 MAY 2019 AT 12 NOON**

***CASE CONCERNING THE DETENTION OF THREE  
UKRAINIAN NAVAL VESSELS  
(UKRAINE V. RUSSIAN FEDERATION), PROVISIONAL MEASURES***

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea will deliver its Order in the *Case concerning the detention of three Ukrainian naval vessels (Ukraine v. Russian Federation), Provisional Measures* on Saturday, 25 May 2019 at 12 noon. Judge Jin-Hyun Paik, President of the Tribunal, will read the Order at a public sitting.

Ukraine presented its case to the Tribunal at a public sitting held on Friday, 10 May 2019. The Tribunal was informed by note verbale from the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Berlin, dated 30 April 2019, of the decision of the Russian Federation “not to participate in the hearing on the provisional measures in the case initiated by Ukraine”.

In its final submissions, Ukraine requested the Tribunal to prescribe provisional measures “requiring the Russian Federation to promptly:

- a) release the Ukrainian naval vessels, the *Berdyansk*, the *Nikopol*, and the *Yani Kapu*, and return them to the custody of Ukraine;
- b) suspend criminal proceedings against the twenty-four detained Ukrainian servicemen and refrain from initiating new proceedings; and
- c) release the twenty-four detained Ukrainian servicemen and allow them to return to Ukraine.”

## **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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