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TRIBUNAL AMENDS RULES WITH A VIEW TO RENDERING THEM GENDER INCLUSIVE

On 25 March 2021, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea decided to amend its Rules with a view to rendering them gender inclusive.

Accordingly, the Tribunal amended both the English and the French text of the Rules. The following Rules were amended in the English text: articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 (The Members); articles 11, 12 and 13 (President and Vice-President); articles 16 and 19 (The Composition of the Tribunal for Particular Cases); article 31 (Special Chambers); articles 36 and 39 (The Registry); article 42 (Internal Functioning of the Tribunal); article 45 (General Provisions); article 76 (Oral Proceedings); and article 136 (Advisory Proceedings).

The following Rules were amended in the French text: articles 4, 6 and 7 (The Members); article 8 (Judges *ad hoc*); articles 10, 11, 12 and 13 (President and Vice-President); article 15 (Experts Appointed under Article 289 of the Convention); articles 16 and 21 (The Composition of the Tribunal for Particular Cases); article 26 (The Presidency of the Seabed Disputes Chamber); articles 28 and 31 (Special Chambers); article 39 (The Registry); article 42 (Internal Functioning of the Tribunal); article 45 (General Provisions); articles 118 and 119 (Proceedings in Contentious Cases before the Seabed Disputes Chamber); and article 136 (Advisory Proceedings).

The amendments enter into force forthwith.

Both the updated text of the Rules of the Tribunal and the text of the latest amendments are available on the [website](#) of the Tribunal.

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