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THE M/T “HEROIC IDUN” CASE (MARSHALL ISLANDS v. EQUATORIAL GUINEA), PROMPT RELEASE

CASE REMOVED FROM TRIBUNAL’S LIST

On 15 November 2022, by Order of the President of the Tribunal, Judge Albert Hoffmann, the *M/T “Heroic Idun” Case (Marshall Islands v. Equatorial Guinea), Prompt Release*, was removed from the Tribunal’s list of cases.

By letter dated 14 November 2022, the Agent of the Marshall Islands informed the Tribunal about recent developments concerning the *M/T “Heroic Idun”* and its crew, stating that “Equatorial Guinea caused the Vessel and her crew to be transferred into the jurisdiction, control and custody of Nigeria on 11 November 2022.” The Agent of the Marshall Islands further stated that “[t]hese developments have regrettably rendered moot the Marshall Islands’ Prompt Release Application” and that “[a]s a result, the Marshall Islands is compelled to discontinue the proceedings.”

In the said letter, the Agent of the Marshall Islands requested the Tribunal to “take this correspondence as a formal notification of discontinuance of the proceedings in question under Article 106 (1) of the Rules of the Tribunal.”

At the time of filing of the letter of 14 November 2022 from the Agent of the Marshall Islands, the Government of Equatorial Guinea had not taken any steps in the proceedings.

In accordance with article 106, paragraph 1, of the Tribunal’s Rules, the President of the Tribunal issued an Order on 15 November 2022, placing on record the discontinuance of the proceedings initiated on 10 November 2022 by the Marshall Islands against Equatorial Guinea and ordering the removal of the case from the Tribunal’s List of cases.

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