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**THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS AND THE REPUBLIC OF  
EQUATORIAL GUINEA SUBMIT *THE M/T "HEROIC IDUN" (NO. 2) CASE*  
TO A SPECIAL CHAMBER OF THE TRIBUNAL**

By Order of 27 April 2023, a special chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea was formed to deal with “the dispute concerning the *M/T “Heroic Idun”* and her crew” between the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Equatorial Guinea. The Special Chamber consists of President Hoffmann (South Africa), Judges Infante Caffi (Chile) and Brown (Jamaica), and Judges *ad hoc* Gudmundur Eiriksson (Iceland) and Philippe Couvreur (Belgium). President Hoffmann serves as President of the Special Chamber.

The Parties agreed to transfer the arbitral proceedings instituted by the Marshall Islands under Annex VII of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to a special chamber of the Tribunal to be constituted pursuant to article 15, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Tribunal during consultations with President Hoffmann, held at the Tribunal on 18 April 2023.

The Order is available on the Tribunal’s [website](#). The case has been entered in the List of cases as No. 32.

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