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## VISIT OF THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ICELAND TO THE TRIBUNAL

Judge Tomas Heidar, President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, received the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iceland, Ms Þorgerður Katrín Gunnarsdóttir, at the Tribunal today. Minister Gunnarsdóttir met with Judge Heidar in the President's chambers, where she also signed the visitors book.



During their meeting, they exchanged views on the role and work of the Tribunal. Minister Gunnarsdóttir noted that “UNCLOS stands as the Constitution of the Ocean, anchoring peace and stability in our world. Its living heart beats here in Hamburg. It is therefore a great honour for me to visit and to reaffirm that Iceland places its utmost confidence in the Tribunal, the independent guardian of the Convention.”

President Heidar welcomed the visit and expressed his appreciation for Iceland's continued support for the work of the Tribunal.

Minister Gunnarsdóttir was accompanied by Mr Martin Eyjólfsson, Permanent Secretary of State in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Iceland, Mr Auðunn Atlason, Ambassador of Iceland to Germany, and Ms Ingileif Friðriksdóttir, Political Advisor to the Foreign Minister.

The visit concluded with a tour of the courtroom and a visit to the exhibition.

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