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RULES OF THE TRIBUNAL AMENDED: TERMS OF OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND DEPUTY REGISTRAR FIXED AT FIVE YEARS

On 21 September 2001, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea amended article 32, paragraph 1, of the Rules of the Tribunal. Article 32 relates to the election and term of office of the Registrar of the Tribunal. The Tribunal decided to fix the term of office of the Registrar at five years. Prior to this amendment, article 32 laid down that the Registrar shall have a term of office of seven years. By virtue of article 33 of the Rules, article 32, as amended, applies also to the term of office of the Deputy Registrar.

The amendment is as follows:

In article 32, paragraph 1, for the word “seven”, the word “five” shall be substituted.

The Tribunal decided that the amendment would enter into force forthwith.

Article 32, paragraph 1, as amended, reads as follows:

“The Tribunal shall elect its Registrar by secret ballot from among candidates nominated by Members. The Registrar shall be elected for a term of five years and may be re-elected.”

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