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Press Release

MR. PHILIPPE GAUTIER ELECTED AS REGISTRAR OF THE TRIBUNAL

HAMBURG, 21 September 2001. The Judges of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea today elected Mr. Philippe Gautier, of Belgian nationality, as the Registrar of the Tribunal. He succeeds Mr. Gritakumar E. Chitty, of Sri Lankan nationality, who resigned on 30 June 2001.

Prior to his election as the Registrar, Mr. Gautier served as the Deputy Registrar of the Tribunal from 1997 to 2001. He began his career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium (1984-1997) where he served as Head of the Treaties Division (1995-1997) and as Head of the Law of the Sea Office (1991-1995). He is Visiting Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Tribunal, the Registrar of the Tribunal is elected from among candidates nominated by the judges of the Tribunal. Mr. Gautier will serve as Registrar for a term of 5 years.

The functions of the Registrar are defined by article 36 of the Rules of the Tribunal. The Registrar assists the Tribunal in the exercise of its judicial function and he is responsible for all departments of the Registry.

Mr. Gautier's biography is given below.

Philippe Gautier

Born: Bujumbura, Burundi, 1 February 1960. **Education:** Licence en droit (1982), Licence en philosophie (1983), Diplôme d'études spécialisées en droit européen (1985), Docteur en droit (1992), Catholic University of Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve). **Professional Experience:** Administrator (Treaty Direction, 1984–1988; Law of the Sea/Antarctica Office, 1988–1991), Deputy Director, Head of the Law of the Sea/Antarctica Office (1991–1995), Director, Head of the Treaties Division (1995–1997), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium; Assistant (1985–1993), Lecturer (1993–1996), Visiting Professor (1996–present), Faculty of Law, Catholic University of Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve). **Member:** Belgian delegation to: Maritime boundary negotiations with France, United Kingdom and The Netherlands (1991–1996), Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (1989–1990, Head 1991–1994),

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Consultations of the UN Secretary-General concerning Part XI of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (1991–1994), UN Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (1993), Antarctic Consultative meetings (1990, Head 1991–1996); Belgian Society of International Law; French Society for International Law. **Publications:** Author of publications on international law, including: *Essai sur la définition des traités entre Etats*, 1993; "De 1982 à 1994: les étapes d'une modification 'singulière' de la partie XI de la Convention des Nations Unies sur le droit de la mer de 1982", *RBDI*, 1995; "Le plateau continental de la Belgique et sa délimitation - quelques réflexions sur la notion d'accord implicite", *RBDI*, 1995; "Institutional developments in the Antarctic Treaty System", *International Law for Antarctica*, 1996; "La procédure devant le Tribunal International du droit de la mer", *Espaces et ressources maritimes*, 1998; "The Reparation for Injuries Case Revisited: The Personality of the European Union", *Max-Planck Yearbook of United Nations Law*, 2000.

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