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SWEARING-IN OF JUDGE LENNOX FITZROY BALLAH

Hamburg, 25 September. Mr. Lennox Fitzroy Ballah (Trinidad and Tobago) was today sworn in as judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea at a public ceremony presided over by the President of the Tribunal, Judge P. Chandrasekhara Rao.

Judge Ballah was elected on 19 April 2002 by the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to fill the vacancy that had arisen due to the demise of Judge Edward A. Laing, for the remainder of his term (until 30 September 2002). On the same day Judge Ballah was elected to serve a term of nine years, commencing from 1 October 2002.

In accordance with article 11 of the Statute of the Tribunal, before taking up duties, a newly-elected Judge has to make the solemn declaration to exercise the powers as Judge impartially and conscientiously. This declaration was made today at a public sitting of the Tribunal.

Judge Lennox Fitzroy Ballah

Born: Fyzabad, Trinidad and Tobago, 26 August 1929. **Education:** Teacher's Diploma, Government Teachers' Training College, (1950); Trinidad and Tobago Government Scholar, University College of the West Indies, Jamaica (1953–1957); LLB (Hons), University of London and Middle Temple (1965); LLM and Carnegie Endowment Fellow, Columbia University, New York (1966–1967). **Professional Experience:** Teacher, Fyzabad Intermediate School, Trinidad and Tobago (1947–1953); Senior House Master and teacher, Apam Secondary School, Ghana (1958–1962); Lecturer, Commonwealth Institute, London (1963–1965); Administrative Assistant, Ministry of External Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago (1965–1966); First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations (1967–1970); Director, Institute of Marine Affairs, Trinidad (1989–1997); First President of the Council of the International Seabed Authority (1996–1997); Attorney-at-law (1997–present). **Member:** Bars of England and Trinidad and Tobago; American Society of International Law; International Law Association; Trinidad and Tobago Law Association; Columbia University Alumni Association; Delegation to

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the 22nd–26th sessions of the United Nations General Assembly; Alternate representative of Trinidad and Tobago on the United Nations Seabed Committee (1969–1971); Representative of Trinidad and Tobago at Santo Domingo Conference on the Law of the Sea (1972); Leader of Trinidad and Tobago delegation in marine delimitation and fishing talks with Venezuela (1973–1983); Leader of Trinidad and Tobago delegation in negotiating the 1975 Trinidad and Tobago/Brazil Fishing Agreement; Chairman of Trinidad and Tobago delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea; Chairman of Group of 77 at the fifth session of UNCLOS III; Delegate to meetings of CARICOM Standing Committees of Ministers and officials on law of the sea and foreign affairs (1972–1983); Chairman, Special Commission 2 (Enterprise) of the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (1983–1994); Trinidad and Tobago delegation in marine delimitation negotiations with Venezuela (1989–1990); Trinidad and Tobago delegation in maritime boundary delimitation negotiations with Grenada (1992–present); Trinidad and Tobago delegation to the sessions of the International Seabed Authority (1996–1997). **Publications and Lectures:** Various lectures and articles on international law and law of the sea, the law of treaties, and international mediation and conciliation.

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