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SWEARING-IN OF JUDGE JEAN-PIERRE COT

Hamburg, 1 October. Mr. Jean-Pierre Cot (France) 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 Cot 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 serve a term of nine years, commencing 1 October 2002. Judge Cot has previously served as a judge *ad hoc* at the Tribunal in *The "Grand Prince" Case (Belize v. France)*, *Prompt Release*.

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 in the presence of the Tribunal.

Judge Jean-Pierre Cot

Born: Geneva, 23 October 1937. **Education:** Licence en droit, Docteur en droit public, Paris Law Faculty (1955–1965); Agrégé des facultés de droit et des sciences économiques (1966). **Professional Experience:** Professor of public and international law and Dean, University of Amiens (1966–1969); Professor of public and international law, University of Paris-I (Panthéon-Sorbonne) (1969–1998); Emeritus Professor, University of Paris-I (1999–present); Associate Research Fellow, Université Libre de Bruxelles (1999–present); Counsel and Advocate in a number of cases before the International Court of Justice : Burkina Faso/Republic of Mali, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Chad, Botswana/Namibia, Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Burundi, Cameroon v. Nigeria, Indonesia/Malaysia; Member of the arbitral tribunal of the International Chamber of Commerce; Counsel and advocate, arbitral tribunal, France/UNESCO. **Member:** Member of Parliament for Savoie (1973–1981); Minister, Cooperation and Development (1981–1982); President of the first Conference on Lesser Developed Countries (1981); Executive Board of UNESCO (1983–1984); European Parliament (1978–1979 and 1984–1999); President of the Budget Committee of the European Parliament (1984–1989); President of the Socialist Group of the European Parliament (1989–1994); Vice-President of the European Parliament (1997–1999). **Publications:** author of numerous books and articles dealing with international

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law, European law and political science, in particular *La conciliation internationale*, Paris, Pedone, 1968 and co-author of *La Charte des Nations Unies. Commentaire article par article*, Paris, Economica, 2. Ed., 1991. **Honours** : chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur.

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