VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

Judge Antonio Augusto Cançado Trindade, President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, was received today by the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Judge Dolliver Nelson.

During the meeting the two Presidents signed an agreement on cooperation between the two judicial institutions. At this occasion, both Presidents emphasized the importance of promoting cooperation and exchanging information amongst international courts and tribunals. According to the agreement, cooperation between the Registry of the Tribunal and the Secretariat of the Court will be established on relevant legal and administrative matters, including the regular exchange of documents of mutual interest and information on internship programmes. At the close of the meeting Judge Cançado Trindade signed the visitors' book.

Judge Cançado Trindade was also welcomed by the Registrar of the Tribunal, Mr. Philippe Gautier and the Deputy Registrar, Mr. Doo-young Kim.

After visiting the premises, Judge Cançado Trindade concluded his two-day visit to the Tribunal with a visit to the Hamburg-based Max Planck Institute for Foreign Private and Private International Law and to the Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, where he was welcomed by the State Secretary of the Department of Justice of Hamburg, Mr. Henning Horstmann, and Mr. Jörg Bredenbach, the Senate's Special Representative for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea.

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