VISIT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

His Excellency Mr Enrique José Alejandro Candioti, Chairman of the International Law Commission and Ambassador of Argentina to Germany, was received on 25 March 2004 by the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Judge Dolliver Nelson, on the occasion of the Tribunal's Seventeenth Administrative Session.

His Excellency was also welcomed by the Vice-President of the Tribunal, Judge Budislav Vukas, Judge Hugo Caminos of Argentina, and the Registrar of the Tribunal, Mr Philippe Gautier.

During his visit, His Excellency addressed the Tribunal on the recent work of the International Law Commission, including the topics of the responsibility of international organizations, diplomatic protection, reservations to treaties, unilateral acts of states, shared natural resources and the fragmentation of international law. His Excellency's address was followed by a discussion with the Members of the Tribunal. In his address, His Excellency described the relations that the International Law Commission had established with other international bodies and informed the Tribunal that the Commission placed emphasis on promoting relations with other international bodies whose work concerned international law. At the close of the meeting His Excellency signed the visitors' book.

The Tribunal looks forward to establishing relations with the International Law Commission in the near future.

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