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# Press Release

## HEARING IN THE "*JUNO TRADER*" CASE POSTPONED TO 6 AND 7 DECEMBER

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea has postponed the continuance of the hearing in *The "Juno Trader" Case (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines v. Guinea-Bissau)*, *Prompt Release* to 6 December 2004 in response to a request received on behalf of the Government of Guinea-Bissau.

The Application for the release of the *Juno Trader* and 19 members of its crew was submitted on 18 November 2004 on behalf of the flag State, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, under article 292 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. According to the Application, the *Juno Trader* was arrested on 26 September 2004 in the exclusive economic zone of Guinea-Bissau, for the alleged infringement of national fisheries legislation in the maritime waters of Guinea-Bissau. By Order dated 19 November 2004 the President of the Tribunal fixed 1 and 2 December 2004 as the dates for the hearing. On 26 November 2004, the agent of Guinea-Bissau requested the postponement of the hearing and a corresponding postponement for the filing of the statement in response.

The oral proceedings in the case were opened today at a public sitting at which the President of the Tribunal, Judge Dolliver Nelson, read the Tribunal's Order concerning Guinea-Bissau's request for postponement. After having ascertained the views of the parties, and taking into consideration the circumstances of the case, the Tribunal decided to postpone the continuation of the hearing to 6 December 2004 and extended the time-limit for the filing of a statement by Guinea-Bissau to 2 December 2004.

The Tribunal will deliver its Judgment at a public sitting of the Tribunal, to be held no later than 14 days after the closure of the hearing.

Further information about the case may be found in Press Release 91.

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