



INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA  
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## Press Release

### MR PHILIPPE GAUTIER RE-ELECTED REGISTRAR OF THE TRIBUNAL

HAMBURG, 19 September 2006. The Judges of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea today re-elected Mr Philippe Gautier, of Belgian nationality, Registrar of the Tribunal.

Mr Gautier was Deputy Registrar of the Tribunal from 1997 to 2001 and Registrar from 2001 to 2006. He began his career in the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1984–1997), where he served as Head of the Treaties Division (1995–1997) and as Head of the Law of the Sea Office (1991–1995). He is Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain and is the author of a number of publications on the Tribunal and the law of the sea. Mr Gautier's biography is available on the website of the Tribunal.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Tribunal, the Registrar is elected from among candidates nominated by the judges of the Tribunal. Mr Gautier will serve as Registrar for a term of 5 years. The functions of the Registrar are defined by article 36 of the Rules of the Tribunal.

The Press Releases of the Tribunal, documents and other information are available on the Tribunal's websites: <http://www.itlos.org> and <http://www.tidm.org> and from the Registry of the Tribunal. Please contact Ms Julia Ritter at Am Internationalen Seegerichtshof 1, 22609 Hamburg, Germany, Tel.: +49 (40) 35607-227, Fax: +49 (40) 35607-245;  
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