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PRESIDENT JESUS ADDRESSES UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Judge José Luis Jesus, President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations on the occasion of the annual consideration of its agenda item on “Oceans and the Law of the Sea” on 7 December 2010.

Reviewing the previous twelve months of the Tribunal’s work, President Jesus drew the delegates’ attention to three new cases that had been submitted to the Tribunal: Case No. 16, the *Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal*; Case No. 17, a request for an advisory opinion on the *Responsibilities and obligations of States sponsoring persons and entities with respect to activities in the Area*; and Case No. 18, concerning the arrest of the *M/V “Louisa”, (Saint Vicent and the Grenadines v Spain)*. The President also informed the General Assembly that Case No. 7, concerning the *Conservation and Sustainable Exploitation of Swordfish Stocks in the South-Eastern Pacific Ocean*, had been discontinued at the request of the parties, Chile and the European Union in December 2009.

President Jesus described the Tribunal’s continued support of a number of training programmes in its aim to disseminate information on the law of the sea dispute settlement system and the Tribunal’s procedures, by way of its regional workshops, capacity-building and training programme, internship programme and Summer Academy. The President informed the delegates that a Trust Fund had been established in order to assist participants in the internship programme from developing countries. States, intergovernmental organizations and agencies, national institutions, non-governmental organizations and international financial institutions, as well as natural and juridical persons, are invited to make voluntary financial or other contributions to the Fund

Lastly, it was his sad duty to inform the Assembly that Judge Paul Bamela Engo (Cameroon), who had been a member of the Tribunal from its inauguration in 1996 to 2008, had died on 26 April 2010.

The text of the President’s statement may be found on the [website](#) of the Tribunal.

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