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JUDGE DOLLIVER NELSON ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT CHAMBERS RECONSTITUTED

HAMBURG, 4 October. The newly-elected President of the Tribunal, Judge P. Chandrasekhara Rao, today proceeded with the election of the Vice-President of the Tribunal and the reconstitution of the chambers of the Tribunal. Judge Dolliver Nelson (Grenada) was elected Vice-President for the triennial period 1999 to 2002. Judge Nelson has been a Judge of the Tribunal since October 1996. He replaces Judge Rüdiger Wolfrum who was the Tribunal's first Vice-President for the initial triennial period 1996 to 1999. The Vice-President would assume the functions of the President if he were unable to act. An abbreviated biography of the Vice-President is reproduced below.

Seabed Disputes Chamber

Judge Tullio Treves (Italy) was elected President of the Seabed Disputes Chamber by acclamation by the members of the Chamber, which was reconstituted for the triennial period 1999 to 2002. An abbreviated biography of the President of the Seabed Disputes Chamber is reproduced below. The composition of the reconstituted Chamber is:

President

Tullio Treves Italy

Judges

Lihai Zhao	China
Vicente Marotta Rangel	Brazil
Soji Yamamoto	Japan
Anatoly L. Kolodkin	Russian Federation
Choon-Ho Park	Republic of Korea
Paul Bamela Engo	Cameroon
Budislav Vukas	Croatia
Rüdiger Wolfrum	Germany
Edward Arthur Laing	Belize
Mohamed Mouldi Marsit	Tunisia

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The Seabed Disputes Chamber is a distinct judicial body within the structure of the Tribunal. It deals with disputes arising out of the exploration and exploitation of the resources of the seabed and ocean floor beyond national jurisdiction as set out in the Convention.

The Seabed Disputes Chamber consists of eleven Judges who will serve for three years and are eligible for re-election. The Chamber is constituted for three years. The Chamber was first constituted in February 1997 (See Press Release No. 5).

After consultations, President Chandrasekhara Rao proposed the composition of the Chamber, which the Tribunal agreed upon. Upon selection, the members of the Chamber proceeded to elect Judge Treves President of the Chamber.

Chamber for Fisheries Disputes

Judge Gudmundur Eiriksson (Iceland) was elected President of the Chamber for Fisheries Disputes by the members of the reconstituted Chamber. The Chamber for Fisheries Disputes was first selected in February 1997 (See Press Release No. 5). The Chamber is available to deal with any disputes that the parties agree to submit to it concerning the conservation and management of marine living resources. An abbreviated biography of the President of the Chamber is reproduced below.

The Tribunal accepted the composition proposed by the President of the Tribunal following his consultations for the re-constitution of the Chamber. The Chamber as reconstituted is composed as follows:

President

Gudmundur Eiriksson	Iceland
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Judges

Hugo Caminos	Argentina
Soji Yamamoto	Japan
Anatoly L. Kolodkin	Russian Federation
Choon-Ho Park	Republic of Korea
Tafsir Malick Ndiaye	Senegal
José Luis Jesus	Cape Verde

Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes

Judge Alexander Yankov (Bulgaria) was elected President of the reconstituted Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes by its members. The Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes has been set up to provide a forum to settle disputes relating to the protection and preservation of the marine environment. The Chamber was first

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constituted in February 1997 (See Press Release No. 5). An abbreviated biography of the President of the Chamber is reproduced below.

The Tribunal accepted the composition proposed by the President of the Tribunal after his consultations for the re-constitution of the Chamber. The Chamber as reconstituted is composed as follows:

President

Alexander Yankov	Bulgaria
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Judges

Vicente Marotta Rangel	Brazil
Paul Bamela Engo	Cameroon
Thomas A. Mensah	Ghana
Joseph Akl	Lebanon
David Anderson	United Kingdom
Budislav Vukas	Croatia

Chamber of Summary Procedure

The Chamber of Summary Procedure is available to act in case of urgency. Five Judges serve on the Chamber of Summary Procedure. The President of the Tribunal is President of the Chamber *ex officio*. The Tribunal forms the Chamber annually. The Chamber was first constituted at the First Session of the Tribunal in October 1996 (See Press Release No. 4). The Chamber was reconstituted in October 1997 and October 1998 (See Press Release No. 18).

The Tribunal accepted the composition proposed by the President of the Tribunal after his consultations for the re-constitution of the Chamber. The Chamber as reconstituted is composed as follows:

President

P. Chandrasekhara Rao	India
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Judges

Dolliver Nelson	Grenada
Budislav Vukas	Croatia
Gudmundur Eiriksson	Iceland
Tafsir Malick Ndiaye	Senegal

Alternates

Vicente Marotta Rangel	Brazil
Soji Yamamoto	Japan

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Judge Dolliver Nelson
(Member of the Tribunal since 1 October 1996;
Vice-President since 4 October 1999)

Born: Sauteurs, Grenada, 27 June 1932. **Education:** B.A., University of the West Indies (1954); LL.M., London School of Economics (1964); Ph.D., London School of Economics (1969); Barrister-at-Law, Gray's Inn, London (1971); admitted to the Bar of Grenada (1972). **Professional Experience:** Lecturer in Law, London School of Economics (1970–1977); Law of the Sea Officer (1974–1976), Senior Law of the Sea Officer (1976–1984), Deputy-Director (1984–1994), Office of Legal Affairs, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea; Secretary, Drafting Committee of the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea (1974–1982); Visiting Professor at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada (1980); Executive Secretary, Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea (1983–1994); acted as Legal Adviser in the Secretary-General's informal consultations on deep seabed mining issues which concluded in 1994 with the adoption of the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (1990–1994); Secretary, Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (1993–1994); Visiting Professor of International Law, London School of Economics (1995–present); lectured on aspects of the law of the sea in several institutions and actively participated in numerous seminars and workshops in various parts of the world. **Member:** Editorial Board, *Marine Policy* (1993–present); Committee on Coastal State Jurisdiction relating to Marine Pollution, International Law Association (1992–present); research team responsible for the Commentary on the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, Center for Oceans Law and Policy, University of Virginia (1984–1994); Committee on the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), International Law Association (Rapporteur 1982–1989); Committee on the Law of the Sea, International Law Association (1974–1980); American Society of International Law (1970–present). **Publications:** contributed to various international legal periodicals and publications, including *The British Year Book of International Law*, *The American Journal of International Law*, *The International and Comparative Law Quarterly*, *The Modern Law Review* and *The Netherlands Law Review*, and reports to conferences of the International Law Association on EEZ matters.

Judge Tullio Treves
(Member of the Tribunal since 1 October 1996;
President of the Seabed Disputes Chamber since 4 October 1999)

Born: Tucumán, Argentina, 20 September 1942. **Education:** Doctor of Law, University of Milan (1964). **Professional Experience:** Professor of International Law, University of Sassari (1969–1973); University of Turin (1974–1980); University of Milan (1980–present); Legal Adviser to the Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN in New York (1984–1992); Counsel for France in the case against Canada decided by an Arbitral

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Tribunal concerning the Delimitation of Maritime Areas in the Region of Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon (1990–1991); Counsel for Finland in the “Great Belt” case against Denmark before the International Court of Justice (1991–1992); taught in the International Law Courses of Victoria, Spain (1984) and the UNITAR Courses in International Law at The Hague (1987, 1988 and 1996); gave courses at the Geneva Institute for Advanced International Studies (1988), Universities of Paris I and II (1983, 1994 and 1995), The Hague Academy of International Law (1990), the Rhodes Academy of International Maritime Law and Policy (1997,1998) lectured in Universities in Italy, Canada, Finland, France, Mexico, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States; External examiner for Doctoral degrees at: Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada; European University Institute, Florence; University of Valencia, Spain. **Member:** Law of the Sea Institute; American, French and Italian Societies of International Law; European Council for Environmental Law; Editorial Board of *Ocean Development and International Law, Espaces et ressources maritimes, Il diritto marittimo*; Legal Sub-Project of the Finalized Project on Oceanography of the Italian Council for Scientific Research (Board 1977–1982); Italian delegation to: Seabed Committee (1973); Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea (1974–1982, Coordinator of the French Language Group of the Drafting Committee); Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (1981 and 1983); Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (1983–1994); Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly (1983–1991); Working Group of the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly for the Drafting of a UN Body of Principles for the Protection of Detained or Imprisoned Persons (Chairman 1984–1988); Special Committee for the Drafting of a Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries, 1984–1989, Vice-Chairman of the UN General Assembly; Second Vienna Conference on the Law of Treaties (1986); Special Committee for the Strengthening of the Principle of Non-Use of Force (Chairman 1987); Security Council (1987–1988); Consultations of the UN Secretary-General concerning Part XI of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (1990–1994); First and Second Sessions of the International Seabed Authority (1994, 1995, 1996). **Publications:** Author of numerous books and articles in various fields of public and private international law, law of the sea and environmental law, including *The Exploitation of the International Seabed* (in Italian), 1982; *International Law* (with M. Giuliano and T. Scovazzi, in Italian), 1991; *The Law of the Sea, the European Union and its Member States*, 1997; editor of the *Rivista di diritto internazionale privato e processuale* and the *Italian Yearbook of International Law*.

**Judge Gudmundur Eiriksson
(Member of the Tribunal since 1 October 1996;
President of the Chamber for Fisheries Disputes since 4 October 1999)**

Born: Winnipeg, Canada, 26 October 1947. **Education:** A.B., B.S. in Civil Engineering, Rutgers College (1970); LL.B., King’s College, University of London (1973); LL.M., Columbia University (1974); Visiting Scholar, University of Virginia Law School (1984 and

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1985). **Professional Experience:** Law of the Sea Officer, Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the Law of the Sea, New York (1974–1976); Special Consultant, Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea, New York (1977); Assistant Legal Adviser (1977–1980), Legal Adviser (1980–1996), Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Iceland; Lecturer, University of Iceland (1987–1996); Ambassador, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (1988–1996); Visiting Professor of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law (1994–1995). **Member:** International Law Commission (1987–1996, Rapporteur 1990, First Vice-Chairman 1993); Society of Professional Engineers, Iceland; Association of Icelandic Lawyers; International Law Association (International Committee on the Exclusive Economic Zone, and International Committee on Coastal State Jurisdiction relating to Marine Pollution); Icelandic delegation to: Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea (1978–1982); Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea; Council of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (President 1984–1988). **Publications:** numerous publications on law of the sea, legal education, international criminal law, international organizations, disarmament and human rights.

**Judge Alexander Yankov
(Member of the Tribunal since 1 October 1996;
President of the Chamber for Marine Environment since 4 October 1999)**

Born: Bourgas, Bulgaria, 24 June 1924. **Education:** Graduated in Law, Faculty of Law, Sofia University (1951); Ph.D. in International Law, Sofia University (1963). **Academic Experience:** Professor of International Law (1968), Head of the International Law Department (1980–1989), Sofia University; Head of the International Law Section (1988–1989), Member (1981), Vice-President in charge of social, political, legal studies and humanities (1988–1991), Bulgarian Academy of Sciences; gave post-graduate and special courses on international law and law of the sea at Sofia University, many foreign universities and The Hague Academy of International Law. **Executive Experience:** Vice-Chairman, National Oceanographic Committee of Bulgaria (1969); Ambassador of Bulgaria to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1972–1976); Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the UN in New York (1976–1980); Minister of Science and Higher Education (1989–1990); *Ad hoc* Legal Adviser to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission on problems relating to UNCLOS (1994). **Judicial Experience:** Member of the Court of Commercial Arbitration at the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (1971–1987). **Member:** Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague (1971); International Ocean Institute, Malta (Vice-President); Executive Council of the International Law Association (1973); International Law Commission (1977–1996, Chairman 1984); Institut de Droit International (1979); Advisory Committee on the Protection of the Sea, London (Vice-Chairman 1980); Bulgarian Society for International Law (President 1980); National Assembly (the Parliament) of Bulgaria, its Committee on the Elaboration of the Constitution, and its Foreign Policy Committee (1986–1991); Union of Bulgarian Scientists (President 1987–1989); National

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Association for International Relations (President 1994); Independent World Commission on the Oceans, Lisbon (1995); Bulgarian delegation to: UN General Assembly and the Security Council (1964–1984, Deputy Head); Legal Sub-Committee, UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor (Vice-Chairman 1968–1973); International Maritime Organization, Eighth Assembly, London (President 1973–1974); International Conference for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, London (Chairman of the Fourth Committee 1973); Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea (Chairman of the Third Committee 1973–1982); International Council of Environmental Law, Bonn (1976); IOC (Vice-Chairman 1987–1991). **Publications:** Author of numerous books, articles, monographs, and publications in the field of international law, law of the sea, international organizations, international adjudication, and environmental law.

The curricula vitae of the other seventeen elected Judges can be found in document SPLOS/11. Abbreviated biographies of the Judges may also be obtained from the Registry of the Tribunal.

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