MR. GUANGJIAN Xu (CHINA) ELECTED AS NEW MEMBER OF TRIBUNAL

On 16 May 2001, the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea elected Mr. Guangjian Xu (People’s Republic of China) to fill the vacancy left by the death on 10 October 2000 of Judge Lihai Zhao (People’s Republic of China). In accordance with article 6 of the Statute of the Tribunal, Mr. Guangjian Xu will hold office for the remainder of his predecessor’s six-year term, which would have ended on 30 September 2002. Mr. Guangjian Xu was the only candidate, obtaining 92 votes out of 94 ballots cast with 1 invalid ballot and 1 abstention.

Until his election, Judge Guangjian Xu was a legal adviser with China’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He had served as a vice-president and senior adviser to the Chinese Society of International Law. He has represented his country at the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, the informal consultations of the Secretary-General on Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and annual sessions of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative meeting. Biographical information of Judge Guangjian Xu is provided below.

Mr. Guangjian Xu


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