

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA



YEAR 2024

25 July 2024

**THE M/T “HEROIC IDUN” (No. 2) CASE
(MARSHALL ISLANDS/EQUATORIAL GUINEA)**

ORDER

The President of the Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea formed to deal with the above-mentioned case under article 15, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Tribunal (hereinafter “the Statute”),

Having regard to article 27 of the Statute,

Having regard to articles 31, 45, 46, 59, 61, 107 and 109 of the Rules of the Tribunal,

Having regard to the Orders of the President of the Special Chamber of 19 May 2023 and 16 November 2023,

Makes the following Order:

1. Whereas, as stated in the Order of the President of the Special Chamber dated 19 May 2023, during video consultations held by the President of the Special Chamber with the representatives of the Parties on 17 May 2023, the Agent of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (hereinafter “the Marshall Islands”) and the Agent of

the Republic of Equatorial Guinea (hereinafter “Equatorial Guinea”) agreed that the written proceedings should consist of a Memorial presented by the Marshall Islands and a Counter-Memorial presented by Equatorial Guinea, and that there should be a Reply presented by the Marshall Islands and a Rejoinder presented by Equatorial Guinea if the Special Chamber authorizes or directs the filing of these pleadings;

2. Whereas, pursuant to the Order dated 19 May 2023, the President of the Special Chamber fixed 20 November 2023 and 20 May 2024 as the time limits for the filing, respectively, of the Memorial of the Marshall Islands and the Counter-Memorial of Equatorial Guinea;

3. Whereas, by Order dated 16 November 2023, the President of the Special Chamber extended the time limit for the submission of the Memorial of the Marshall Islands to 18 December 2023 and for the submission of the Counter-Memorial of Equatorial Guinea to 15 July 2024; and whereas the Memorial and the Counter-Memorial were filed within the prescribed time limits;

4. Whereas, in communications dated 17 July 2024 and 22 July 2024, respectively, the Agent of Equatorial Guinea and the Agent of the Marshall Islands expressed the view that a second round of written pleadings was necessary and that the time limits for the filing of a reply and a rejoinder should be four months;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL CHAMBER,

Taking into account the agreement of the Parties,

Authorizes the submission of a Reply by the Marshall Islands and a Rejoinder by Equatorial Guinea;

Fixes the following time limits for the filing of the Reply and the Rejoinder:

25 November 2024, noon (Hamburg time), for the Reply of the Marshall Islands;

24 March 2025, noon (Hamburg time), for the Rejoinder of Equatorial Guinea;

and

Reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and in French, both texts being equally authoritative, in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, this twenty-fifth day of July, two thousand and twenty-four, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal and the others transmitted to the Government of the Marshall Islands and to the Government of Equatorial Guinea, respectively.

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Albert J. HOFFMANN,
President of the Special Chamber

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Ximena HINRICHS QYARCE,
Registrar
