

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA



YEAR 2024

8 August 2024

**THE “ZHENG HE” CASE**  
(LUXEMBOURG v. MEXICO)

**ORDER**

The President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,

Having regard to articles 24 and 27 of the Statute of the Tribunal,

Having regard to articles 44, 45, 46, 59 and 60 of the Rules of the Tribunal,

*Makes the following Order:*

Whereas, by an Application dated 3 June 2024 and filed with the Registry of the Tribunal on 4 June 2024, Luxembourg instituted proceedings against Mexico in a dispute regarding the vessel “*Zheng He*”;

Whereas Luxembourg has appointed Ms Annabel Rossi as Agent and Ms Elisabeth Relave-Svendsen as Co-Agent; and whereas Mexico has appointed Mr Alejandro Celorio Alcántara as Agent and Mr Francisco José Quiroga Fernández, Mr Miguel Angel Reyes Moncayo and Mr Alfonso Ascencio Herrera as Co-Agents;

Whereas video consultations were held by the President of the Tribunal with the representatives of the Parties on 6 August 2024 to ascertain the views of the Parties with regard to questions of procedure in respect of the case;

Whereas, during these consultations, the Parties agreed that the written proceedings shall consist of a Memorial presented by Luxembourg and a Counter-Memorial presented by Mexico and that the filing of further written pleadings should be decided at a later stage;

Whereas the Parties further agreed that 10 February 2025 should be the time limit for the filing of the Memorial by Luxembourg and 11 August 2025 should be the time limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial by Mexico;

#### THE PRESIDENT

Taking into account the agreement of the Parties,

*Fixes* the following time limits for the filing of the Memorial and the Counter-Memorial:

10 February 2025 for the Memorial of Luxembourg;  
11 August 2025 for the Counter-Memorial of Mexico;

and

*Reserves* the subsequent procedure for further decision.

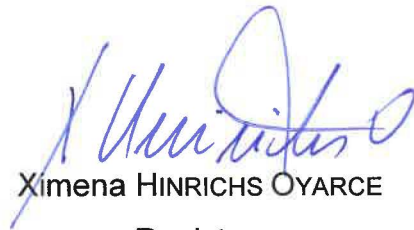
Done in English and French, both texts being authoritative, in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, this eighth day of August, two thousand and twenty-four,

in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal and the others transmitted to the Government of Luxembourg and the Government of Mexico, respectively.



Tomas HEIDAR

President



Ximena HINRICHS OYARCE

Registrar

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