

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA
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Public sitting

held on Thursday, 5 April 2001, at 10.08 a.m.,
at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Hamburg,

President P. Chandrasekhara Rao presiding

The “Grand Prince” case
(Application for prompt release)

(Belize v. France)

Verbatim Record

<i>Present:</i>	President	P. Chandrasekhara Rao
	Vice-President	L. Dolliver M. Nelson
	Judges	Hugo Caminos
		Vicente Marotta Rangel
		Alexander Yankov
		Soji Yamamoto
		Anatoli Lazarevich Kolodkin
		Choon-Ho Park
		Thomas A. Mensah
		Paul Bamela Engo
		Joseph Akl
		David Anderson
		Budislav Vukas
		Rüdiger Wolfrum
		Edward Arthur Laing
		Tullio Treves
		Mohamed Mouldi Marsit
		Gudmundur Eiriksson
		Tafsir Malick Ndiaye
		José Luis Jesus
	Judge <i>ad hoc</i>	Jean-Pierre Cot
	Registrar	Gritakumar E. Chitty

Belize represented by:

Mr. Alberto Penelas, *Avocat*, Bar of Vigo, Spain,

as Agent,

and

Mrs. Beatriz Golcochea Fábregas, *Avocat*, Bar of Vigo, Spain,

Mr. Carlos Pérez Bouzada, *Avocat*, Bar of [],

as Counsel,

France represented by:

Mr. François Alabrune, Deputy Director of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

as Agent,

and

Mr. Jean-Pierre Quéneudec, Professor of International Law at the University of Paris I, Paris, France,

Mr. Michel Trinquier, Deputy Director for the Law of the Sea, Fisheries and the Antarctic, Office of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Mr. Jacques Belot, *Avocat*, Bar of Saint-Denis, Réunion, France,

as Counsel,

THE PRESIDENT: Please be seated.

THE CLERK OF THE TRIBUNAL: The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea is now in session.

THE PRESIDENT: On 21 March 2001 an application was filed on behalf of Belize against France for the prompt release of the fishing vessel *Grand Prince* under article 292 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The case was named the “*Grand Prince*” Case and entered in the List of cases as case no. 8. This public sitting is being held for the purpose of enabling Mr Cot, nominated by France as Judge *ad hoc*, to make the solemn declaration as Judge *ad hoc* in accordance with articles 11 and 17, paragraph 6, of the Statute of the Tribunal.

I now call upon Mr Cot to make the declaration set out in article 5, paragraph 1, of the Rules of the Tribunal in relation to the “*Grand Prince*” Case.

MR COT (Interpretation): I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as judge honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Please be seated. This closes the present sitting.

(Adjournment 10.10 a.m.)