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# **Press Release**

***THE M/T “HEROIC IDUN” (NO. 2) CASE  
(MARSHALL ISLANDS/EQUATORIAL GUINEA)  
SCHEDULE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING***

The public hearing in *The M/T “Heroic Idun” (No. 2) Case (Marshall Islands/Equatorial Guinea)* will open on Monday, 6 October 2025, at 10 a.m. Judge Hoffmann, President of the Special Chamber of the Tribunal constituted to deal with the case, will preside. By Order dated 13 May 2025, Judge Hoffmann fixed Monday, 6 October 2025, as the date for the opening of the hearing in the case. The schedule for the hearing is as follows:

**First round of oral arguments:**

Monday, 6 October  
Marshall Islands: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 – 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 7 October  
Marshall Islands: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 8 October  
Marshall Islands: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, 9 October  
Equatorial Guinea: 3 – 6 p.m.

Friday, 10 October  
Equatorial Guinea: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 – 6 p.m.

Saturday, 11 October  
Equatorial Guinea: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 – 6 p.m.

**Second round of oral arguments:**

Monday, 13 October  
Marshall Islands: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tuesday, 14 October  
Equatorial Guinea: 3 – 6 p.m.

## Attending the hearings

The hearing will take place in the main courtroom of the Tribunal and is open to the public. Members of the diplomatic and consular corps and the general public wishing to attend the hearing are requested to register in advance with the Press Office.

## Accreditation for media representatives

Members of the press are welcome to attend the hearing and are requested to register in advance using the accreditation form that is available on the website of the Tribunal. Unobtrusive audio and video recording of the hearing is permitted.

## Webcast

The hearing will be broadcast live on the website. A recorded webcast will be made available under Webcast Archives after the close of each sitting. The verbatim records of the hearing will be published shortly thereafter on the case page.

## History of the proceedings

Further to consultations held by the President of the Tribunal with representatives of the Marshall Islands and Equatorial Guinea on 18 April 2023, a special agreement was concluded between the two States on the same date to submit to a special chamber of the Tribunal, to be formed pursuant to article 15, paragraph 2, of the Statute, the dispute concerning the motor tanker *Heroic Idun* and its crew. The case was entered in the Tribunal's List of cases as Case No. 32.

By Order dated 27 April 2023, the Tribunal decided to accede to the request of the parties to form a special chamber of five judges to deal with the case and determined the composition of the Special Chamber, with the approval of the Marshall Islands and Equatorial Guinea, as follows: Judge Hoffmann, President; Judges Infante Caffi and Brown; Judges *ad hoc* Gudmundur Eiriksson (chosen by the Marshall Islands) and Philippe Couvreur (chosen by Equatorial Guinea).

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