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OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE TRIBUNAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS LEGAL COUNSEL, MS PATRICIA O'BRIEN

Hamburg, 9 March 2010. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel of the United Nations, Ms Patricia O'Brien, paid an official visit to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea today at the invitation of the President of the Tribunal, Judge José Luis Jesus.

Ms O'Brien was welcomed to the Tribunal by the Registrar, Mr Philippe Gautier, and escorted to the President's chambers, where she was received by President Jesus. After exchanging views on legal issues of common concern, Ms O'Brien was invited by the President to sign the visitors' book.



After a luncheon held at the Tribunal in her honour, Ms O'Brien took part in a meeting with the judges of the Tribunal. In this context, Ms O'Brien emphasized the importance of the contribution being made by the Tribunal to the peaceful settlement of law of the sea-related disputes and assured the Members of the Tribunal of the continued cooperation of the United Nations and of the Office of Legal Affairs, in particular, in supporting the work of the Tribunal. Ms O'Brien also met with the Registrar and the Legal Officers of the Tribunal.

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