



INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA  
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## Press Release

### ELECTION OF JUDGE SHUNJI YANAI AS PRESIDENT OF THE TRIBUNAL AND JUDGE ALBERT J. HOFFMANN AS VICE-PRESIDENT

Judge Shunji Yanai (Japan) was today elected as President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and Judge Albert J. Hoffmann (South Africa) as Vice-President for the period 2011–2014 by the members of the Tribunal.

President Yanai has been a member of the Tribunal since 2005. In accordance with the Rules of the Tribunal, the President is elected for a period of three years and may be re-elected. He presides at all meetings of the Tribunal, directs its work and supervises its administration. He represents the Tribunal in its relations with States and other entities and is required by the Statute of the Tribunal to reside permanently at the seat of the Tribunal in Hamburg. The outgoing President, Judge José Luis Jesus, conducted the election for the presidency. He expressed his gratitude to his colleagues for their support during his three-year term of office and gave his best wishes to the new President.

Vice-President Hoffmann has been a Member of the Tribunal since 2005 and replaces Judge Helmut Tuerk. The Vice-President is elected for a period of three years and assumes the functions of the President in the event of a vacancy in the presidency or of the inability of the President to exercise the functions of the presidency. The newly elected President of the Tribunal, Judge Yanai, conducted the election.



President Yanai



Vice-President Hoffmann

The *curricula vitae* of President Yanai and Vice-President Hoffmann may be found on the [website](#) of the Tribunal.

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