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Press Release

**THE “ARCTIC SUNRISE” CASE
(KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS v. RUSSIAN FEDERATION)**

**TRIBUNAL TO DELIVER ITS ORDER
ON FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 3 P.M.**

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea will deliver its Order in *The “Arctic Sunrise” Case (Kingdom of the Netherlands v. Russian Federation)* on Friday, 22 November 2013. Judge Shunji Yanai, President of the Tribunal, will read the Order at a public sitting which will be held at 3 p.m.

The public hearing in *The “Arctic Sunrise” Case*, at which the Kingdom of the Netherlands presented its case to the Tribunal was held on Wednesday, 6 November 2013. The Tribunal was informed by note verbale from the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Berlin, dated 22 October 2013, that the Russian Federation had notified the Kingdom of the Netherlands “that it does not intend to participate in the proceedings of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in respect of the request of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the prescription of provisional measures under Article 290, Paragraph 5, of the Convention.”

In its final submissions, the Kingdom of the Netherlands requested the Tribunal to declare that:

- a) the Tribunal has jurisdiction over the request for provisional measures;
- b) the arbitral tribunal to which the dispute is being submitted has *prima facie* jurisdiction;
- c) the claim is supported by fact and law;

and to order, by means of provisional measures, the Russian Federation:

- d) to immediately enable the Arctic Sunrise to be resupplied, to leave its place of detention and the maritime areas under the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation and to exercise the freedom of navigation;
- e) to immediately release the crew members of the Arctic Sunrise, and allow them to leave the territory and maritime areas under the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation;

- f) to suspend all judicial and administrative proceedings, and refrain from initiating any further proceedings, in connection with the incidents leading to the dispute concerning the Arctic Sunrise, and refrain from taking or enforcing any judicial or administrative measures against the Arctic Sunrise, its crew members, its owners and its operators; and
- g) to ensure that no other action is taken which might aggravate or extend the dispute.

Attending the reading of the Order

The Order will be read in the main courtroom of the Tribunal and the sitting is open to the public. Members of the diplomatic and consular corps wishing to attend the reading are requested to contact the Tribunal's [Protocol Office](#). Members of the general public are welcome to attend and are requested to register with the [Press Office](#). Members of the press are requested to register with the Press Office using the [accreditation form](#) that is available on the website of the Tribunal.

The reading of the Order will be broadcast [live](#) on the website. The text of the Order will be made available on the website of the Tribunal shortly after its delivery and a recorded webcast of the reading will be made available under [Webcast Archives](#) after the close of the sitting.

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