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Press Release

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea deeply regrets to announce the death, on 15 September 2016, of Judge Antonio Cachapuz de Medeiros. Judge Cachapuz de Medeiros had been a Member of the Tribunal since 15 January 2016. His term of office was due to expire in September 2017.

The Members of the Tribunal pay tribute to Judge Cachapuz de Medeiros' contribution to the international law of the sea and will honour his memory.

A condolence register will be open for signature at the Tribunal on Friday, 23 September, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Monday, 26 September 2016, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Judge Cachapuz de Medeiros held a PhD in International Law from the University of São Paulo. He acted as Legal Adviser to the Ministry of External Relations, Federative Republic of Brazil, from 1998 until his election as a Judge of the Tribunal.

Judge Cachapuz de Medeiros served as Judge of the Administrative-Labour Court of MERCOSUR, President of the Administrative Court of the Latin American Integration Association, and Professor of Public International Law at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul. He was an honorary member of the Governing Council of UNIDROIT and a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and of the State section of Rio Grande do Sul of the Order of Lawyers of Brazil.

Judge Cachapuz de Medeiros published widely on matters related to international law.

Judge Cachapuz de Medeiros was made Grand Officer of the Order of Rio Branco by the Federative Republic of Brazil, and Knight of the Order of St Gregory the Great by the Holy See. He was awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Infante Dom Henrique by the Portuguese Republic, the Medal Casa Rosalba by the Permanent Review Tribunal of MERCOSUR, the Medal Cidade de Porto Alegre by the city of Porto Alegre, and the Medal Levi Carneiro by the Institute of Brazilian Lawyers as a special tribute at the IX Brazilian Congress of International Law.

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