



INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA  
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# Press Release

## JUDGE HOFFMANN ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE TRIBUNAL AND JUDGE HEIDAR AS VICE-PRESIDENT

Judge Hoffmann (South Africa) was today elected by the members of the Tribunal as President and Judge Heidar (Iceland) as Vice-President for the period 2020–2023. The election took place during the fiftieth administrative session of the Tribunal, which is taking place in a hybrid format, with fifteen judges present in the courtroom and six attending remotely via videolink. The election was held using a secure electronic voting system.



President Hoffmann

President Hoffmann has been a member of the Tribunal since 2005 and Vice-President Heidar since 2014. Their curricula vitae may be found on the [website](#) of the Tribunal.

In accordance with the Statute of the Tribunal, the President is elected for a period of three years and may be re-elected. The President presides at all meetings of the Tribunal, directs its work and supervises its administration. The President 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.



Vice-president Heidar

The Vice-President 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.

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