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## **APPLICATION FOR PROMPT RELEASE OF THE VESSEL *M/T "HEROIC IDUN"* FILED BY THE MARSHALL ISLANDS AGAINST EQUATORIAL GUINEA**

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea received today an application under article 292 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea for the prompt release of the *M/T "Heroic Idun"*, a crude carrier flying the flag of the Marshall Islands, and of its 26 crew members.

According to the application, on 12 August 2022 while the *M/T "Heroic Idun"* was in the exclusive economic zone of Sao Tome and Principe, it was approached by the Equatorial Guinean Navy vessel "*Capitan David*" and asked to stop its engine. The "*Capitan David*" then told the *M/T "Heroic Idun"* to follow its route into Malabo. On arrival in Malabo, the vessel was directed to the Luba Anchorage, along the coast of Bioko Island. The vessel has been detained there ever since. The application states that the Master and 14 crew members were disembarked and taken to a government-owned facility, while the remaining 11 crew members were detained on the vessel.

Pursuant to article 112, paragraph 3, of the Rules of the Tribunal, the dates of the public hearing shall be fixed by the President of the Tribunal at the earliest possible date within a period of 15 days from the first working day following the date of receipt of the Application. Pursuant to article 112, paragraph 4, of the Rules of the Tribunal, the Judgment will be read at a public sitting of the Tribunal, to be held no later than 14 days after the closure of the hearing.

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