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16TH ITLOS REGIONAL WORKSHOP OPENS IN FRANCE

On 1 June 2023, Judge Albert Hoffmann, President of the Tribunal, opened the sixteenth regional workshop dedicated to “The Role of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in the Settlement of Disputes relating to the Law of the Sea”.

The two-day workshop is being held in Nice, France, and is organized in cooperation with the Institute for Peace and Development at Côte d’Azur University and with the support of the Republic of Cyprus, France and the Korea Maritime Institute. The workshop welcomes representatives of Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Italy, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Slovenia and the European Union, as well as officials of Côte d’Azur University.



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In his opening statement, President Hoffmann highlighted France’s rich maritime heritage and its enduring commitment to the law of the sea. The President acknowledged that France is well-placed to lead the way in responsible ocean governance and noted its firm support to the peaceful settlement of maritime disputes in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The

President also expressed his gratitude to the Institute for Peace and Development at Côte d'Azur University and to Professor Jean-Christophe Martin, as its Director, for their support in the organization of the workshop. He also thanked the Republic of Cyprus, France and the Korea Maritime Institute, whose funding made the organization of the workshop possible.

In his welcoming remarks, Professor Martin gave an overview of the research and teaching activities undertaken by the Institute for Peace and Development, in particular in the law of the sea, and of the various multidisciplinary projects devoted to maritime issues being conducted at Côte d'Azur University. He went on to state that he was pleased that the workshop could play a part in bolstering the confidence of Mediterranean coastal States in international law of the sea, the peaceful settlement of disputes and the Tribunal's jurisdiction.

The workshop programme includes an overview of proceedings before the Tribunal, with sessions dedicated to jurisdiction, urgent proceedings, advisory proceedings and the procedure for bringing cases before the Tribunal, as well as presentations on the jurisprudence of the Tribunal regarding maritime delimitation disputes. Presentations will be given by President Hoffmann, Judges Bouguetaia, Lijnzaad and Caracciolo, Registrar Hinrichs Oyarce and Deputy Registrar Antoine Ollivier.

The Tribunal's workshops aim to familiarize participants with the dispute-settlement mechanisms established by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and with the procedure applicable to cases before the Tribunal. To date, workshops have been held in Senegal, Gabon, Jamaica, Singapore, Bahrain, Argentina, South Africa, Fiji, Mexico, Kenya, Indonesia, Costa Rica, Cabo Verde, Uruguay and Malta.

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