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VISIT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF GERMANY TO THE TRIBUNAL

Judge Tomas Heidar, President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, received the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ms Annalena Baerbock, at the Tribunal today. Ms Baerbock, who was accompanied by a delegation of representatives of the Federal Foreign Office, met with Judge Heidar in the President's chambers where she also signed the visitors book.



President Heidar and Ms Baerbock exchanged views on the role and work of the Tribunal, in particular its recent advisory opinion on climate change.

Minister Baerbock stated “Promoting the rule of law on the oceans is a cornerstone of German Foreign Policy. We are therefore proud to be the host country for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, a beacon of justice and cooperation in the maritime realm.”

President Heidar welcomed Minister Baerbock's visit to the Tribunal, taking the opportunity to express his thanks to Germany both for its unwavering support as the host State and for its continued commitment to the peaceful settlement of disputes.

The visit concluded with a tour of the courtroom and a visit to the exhibition.

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