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**IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL VISITS THE
INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA**

President Tomas Heidar welcomed Mr Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), to the Tribunal today. During the visit, Mr Dominguez signed the guest book of the Tribunal, met with the Judges and was given a tour of the premises.



The visit provided an opportunity for an exchange of views on matters of common concern to the Tribunal and the IMO. The President drew Mr Dominguez's attention to the Tribunal's jurisdiction in maritime matters and referred to recent cases dealt with by the Tribunal which have a direct impact on the shipping industry, including disputes concerning the arrest and detention of vessels and their crews. President Heidar also noted the participation of the IMO in the written phase of the recent case concerning the *Request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law*.

During his meeting with the Judges, Mr Dominguez presented on the recent work of the IMO, including the adoption of guidelines on the fair treatment of seafarers detained on suspicion of committing maritime crimes; the fraudulent registration of

ships; the IMO Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships; the draft amendments to Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL); and the work of the IMO to develop a goal-based instrument to regulate maritime autonomous surface ships.

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