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REGIONAL WORKSHOP IN MINDELO, CABO VERDE

The thirteenth regional workshop of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea was held in Mindelo, Cabo Verde, on 2 and 3 May 2018. The workshop was devoted 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”, and was organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy of Cabo Verde and with the support of the Korea Maritime Institute and the China Institute of International Studies for representatives of States in the central and west African region.



Mr José Gonçalves, Minister of Maritime Economy, and President Paik

The workshop was attended by representatives of nine States from the region (Angola, Benin, Cabo Verde, Democratic Republic of Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Guinea, São Tome and Príncipe, Senegal, and Togo) and of the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission.

The workshop was opened by Judge Jin-Hyun Paik, President of the Tribunal. In his statement, the President stated that the workshop bore witness to “West and Central African States’ commitment to the law of the sea and peaceful settlement of disputes”. He further highlighted the role the Tribunal has played in promoting and developing the rule of law in the oceans. The President thanked the Ministry of Economy of Cabo Verde, the

Korea Maritime Institute, the China Institute of International Studies and the University of Mindelo for their support in organizing the workshop.

In his welcoming remarks, H.E. Mr José Gonçalves, Minister of Maritime Economy, expressed the wish that many people participating in the workshop will "engage in important and enriching discussions for the next two days [on] important matters related to the application of the rule of law at sea under the aegis of the International Tribunal of Law of the Sea".

The objective of the Tribunal's regional workshops is to familiarise participants with the dispute settlement mechanism established by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and with the procedure applicable to cases before the Tribunal.

The Mindelo programme included an overview of the procedure for bringing cases before the Tribunal and sessions on urgent proceedings (provisional measures and prompt release of vessels and crews) and advisory proceedings, on the jurisprudence of the Tribunal regarding delimitation disputes and on fisheries matters. Presentations were made by President Paik, Judges Jesus and Bouguetaia, and Registrar Gautier.

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