



INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA
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Press Release

TRIBUNAL TO HOLD OPEN DAY ON 9 MARCH 2002

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea will hold an open day on Saturday, 9 March 2002 for members of the general public to visit the new headquarters building on the Elbchaussee in Hamburg Nienstedten and learn about the work of the Tribunal.

The Tribunal will be open to visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors are invited to follow signs around the building and will be given the opportunity to view the courtroom complex and the restored nineteenth-century Villa Schröder. A limited number of guided tours will also be conducted for those who wish to have more detailed information.

The Tribunal is located at Am Internationalen Seegerichtshof 1/Elbchaussee 380. Visitors are requested to use public transport in order to avoid congestion in the village of Nienstedten. The Tribunal may be reached by S-Bahn (S1) to Klein Flottbek or by bus (36, 39 and 286) to Elbschlossstraße.

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea is an independent judicial body established by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to adjudicate disputes arising out of the interpretation and application of the Convention. The Convention establishes a comprehensive legal framework to regulate all ocean space, its uses and resources. It provides for limits of maritime areas, access to the sea, navigation, protection and preservation of the marine environment, fisheries, scientific research, seabed mining and the settlement of disputes.

The Tribunal is composed of 21 independent members, elected from among persons enjoying the highest reputation for fairness and integrity and of recognized competence in the field of the law of the sea.

The Press Releases of the Tribunal, documents and other information are available on the Tribunal websites: <http://www.itlos.org> and <http://www.tiddm.org> and from the Registry of the Tribunal. Please contact Ms. Julia Pope at Am Internationalen Seegerichtshof 1, 22609 Hamburg, Germany, Tel.: (49) (40) 35607-227, Fax: (49) (40) 35607-245; E-mail: press@itlos.org
