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**HEARING TO COMMENCE ON 12 DECEMBER 2002 AT 10 A.M.
IN THE "VOLGA" CASE (RUSSIAN FEDERATION v. AUSTRALIA)**

**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF JUDGE *AD HOC* IVAN SHEARER
11 DECEMBER 2002 AT 10:30 A.M.**

The hearing on the Application for the release of the "*Volga*" and members of its crew (Russian Federation v. Australia) will open on Thursday, 12 December 2002. The hearing will take place from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

A public sitting of the Tribunal will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 11 December 2002, at which Mr. Ivan Shearer, Judge *ad hoc* nominated by Australia, will make the solemn declaration required under article 9 of the Rules of the Tribunal

JUDGE *AD HOC* IVAN ANTHONY SHEARER

Professor Shearer, an Australian citizen, is the Challis Professor of International Law at the University of Sydney. He has enjoyed a distinguished career in both academic and diplomatic fields, holding appointments at the Universities of Adelaide and New South Wales and as visiting professor at numerous universities around the world, including as the Charles H. Stockton Professor of International Law at the United States Naval War College, Rhode Island from 2000 to 2001. Professor Shearer has also acted as Special Adviser in International Law for the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and was a member of the Australian delegation to the United Nations Sixth Committee and to the Meetings of States Parties to the Law of the Sea Convention. Professor Shearer has been a member of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, San Remo since 1983 and a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, since 1986. He was a member of the International Law Association's Committee on Maritime Neutrality (1990–1998), a co-rapporteur of the International Law Association's Committee on International Law in National Courts (1992–1998), and is currently serving on the United Nations Human Rights Committee. In 1999, Professor Shearer served as Judge *ad hoc* in the *Southern Bluefin Tuna Cases (New Zealand v. Japan; Australia v. Japan), Provisional Measures*. He is the author of numerous publications, including

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D.P.O'Connell *The International Law of the Sea*, Editor, (1982, 1984) and *Starke's International Law* (1994).

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2. Photographs may be taken for a few minutes at the opening and at the end of the sittings. Television crews may film during the proceedings, but advance notice should be given to the Press Office.
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