



INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA  
TRIBUNAL INTERNATIONAL DU DROIT DE LA MER

# Press Release

## RECONSTITUTION OF THE CHAMBERS OF THE TRIBUNAL

The Chambers of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea were reconstituted by the Tribunal at a meeting held on 4 October 2005.

### Seabed Disputes Chamber

The Seabed Disputes Chamber is established in accordance with Part XI, section 5, of the Convention and article 14 of the Statute. The Chamber has jurisdiction in disputes with respect to activities in the International Seabed Area. The Chamber is composed of 11 judges, who are selected by the members of the Tribunal every three years. The selection process ensures the representation of the principal legal systems of the world and equitable geographical distribution. The Chamber elects its President from among its members. The composition of the Chamber for the period ending 30 September 2008 is as follows:

President	Judge Caminos
Members	Judge Kolodkin
	Judge Park
	Judge Treves
	Judge Jesus
	Judge Lucky
	Judge Pawlak
	Judge Yanai
	Judge Türk
	Judge Kateka
	Judge Hoffmann

### Chamber of Summary Procedure

In accordance with article 15, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Statute, the Chamber of Summary Procedure may hear and determine a case by summary procedure if the parties so request. In addition, the Chamber may prescribe provisional measures if the Tribunal is not in session or a sufficient number of members is not available to constitute a quorum.

The Chamber of Summary Procedure, constituted annually, is composed of five members and two alternates, as provided for by the Statute. The President and the Vice-President of the Tribunal are members *ex officio* of the Chamber; the President of the Tribunal serves as President of the Chamber. The Chamber was constituted as follows for the period ending 30 September 2006:

President	President Wolfrum
Members	Vice-President Akl Judge Yankov Judge Nelson Judge Ndiaye
Alternates	Judge Treves Judge Yanai

### **Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes**

The Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes, established in accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Statute, is available to deal with disputes relating to the protection and preservation of the marine environment which parties may agree to submit to it. The Chamber consists of seven members. The composition of the Chamber for the period ending 30 September 2008 is as follows:

President	Judge Lucky
Members	Judge Yankov Judge Park Judge Xu Judge Türk Judge Kateka Judge Hoffmann

### **Chamber for Fisheries Disputes**

The Chamber for Fisheries Disputes, established in accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Statute, is available to deal with disputes concerning the conservation and management of marine living resources, which parties may agree to submit to it. The Chamber consists of seven members. The composition of the Chamber for the period ending 30 September 2008 is as follows:

President	Judge Treves
Members	Judge Marotta Rangel Judge Chandrasekhara Rao

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also available at <http://www.itlos.org> and <http://www.tidm.org>

Judge Jesus  
Judge Pawlak  
Judge Yanai  
Judge Kateka

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