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**CASE ON CONSERVATION OF SWORDFISH STOCKS BETWEEN CHILE AND THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN THE SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN**

**PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN PARTIES
– PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL CHAMBER EXTENDS TIME-LIMITS –**

By Order of 15 March 2001, at the request of the parties, the President of the Special Chamber of the Tribunal formed to deal with the above-mentioned case extended the time-limit for making preliminary objections.

Proceedings in the said case were instituted on 19 December 2000 by Chile and the European Community. Following the request of the parties, by Order dated 20 December 2000, the Tribunal constituted the Special Chamber as follows: President, P. Chandrasekhara Rao; Judges Caminos, Yankov, Wolfrum and Judge *ad hoc* Orrego Vicuña.

By separate letters dated 9 March 2001, the parties informed the President of the Special Chamber that they had reached a provisional arrangement concerning the dispute and requested that the proceedings before the Chamber be suspended. In the said letters, each party reserved its right to revive the proceedings at any time. In their letters, both parties expressed their gratitude to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for its contribution and assistance in the context of the dispute.

Under the Order of 15 March 2001 of the President of the Special Chamber, the time-limit of 90 days for the making of preliminary objections would commence from 1 January 2004 and each party would have the right to request that the said time-limit should begin to apply from any date prior to 1 January 2004.

The text of the Orders of 20 December 2000 and 15 March 2001 can be consulted on the United Nations website at www.un.org/Depts/los/.

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