

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA



YEAR 2023

16 November 2023

THE M/T “HEROIC IDUN” (No. 2) CASE

(MARSHALL ISLANDS/EQUATORIAL GUINEA)

ORDER

The President of the Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea formed to deal with the above-mentioned case under article 15, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Tribunal (hereinafter “the Statute”),

Having regard to article 27 of the Statute,

Having regard to article 59, paragraphs 2 and 3, and article 107 of the Rules of the Tribunal,

Having regard to the Order of the President of the Special Chamber of 19 May 2023,

Makes the following Order:

1. Whereas the President of the Special Chamber, by his Order dated 19 May 2023, fixed 20 November 2023 and 20 May 2024 as the respective time-limits for the filing of the Memorial of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (hereinafter “the Marshall Islands”) and the Counter-Memorial of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea (hereinafter “Equatorial Guinea”);
2. Whereas, by letter dated 9 November 2023, the Agent of the Marshall Islands requested that the time-limit fixed for the submission of the Memorial be extended until 18 December 2023 and that a corresponding adjustment be made as regards the time-limit for the submission of the Counter-Memorial of Equatorial Guinea;
3. Whereas, in the same letter, the Agent of the Marshall Islands provided justification in support of the request of the Marshall Islands for an extension of the time-limit for the submission of its Memorial;
4. Whereas, by letter of the Registrar of 10 November 2023 transmitting the request of the Marshall Islands, the Agent of Equatorial Guinea was invited to communicate the views of Equatorial Guinea on the said request not later than 15 November 2023, noon, and whereas no response was received from Equatorial Guinea;
5. Being satisfied that there is adequate justification for the request for an extension of the time-limit,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL CHAMBER

Having ascertained the views of the Parties,

Extends the time-limit for the submission of the Memorial of the Marshall Islands to 18 December 2023;

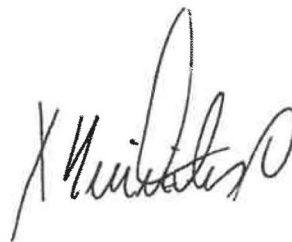
Extends the time-limit for the submission of the Counter-Memorial of Equatorial Guinea to 15 July 2024;

Reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and in French, both texts being equally authoritative, in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, this sixteenth day of November, two thousand and twenty-three, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal and the others transmitted to the Government of the Marshall Islands and to the Government of Equatorial Guinea, respectively.



Albert J. HOFFMANN,
President of the Special Chamber



Ximena HINRICHS OYARCE,
Registrar
