



**MEETING OF THE
TRIBUNAL**

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**Fifty-sixth Session
Hamburg, 25 September – 7 October 2023**

Resolution on the Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,

Acting pursuant to article 15, paragraph 1, of its Statute,

Noting that at a meeting on 14 February 1997 the Tribunal formed the Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes as a standing special chamber of the Tribunal,

Noting that it established the terms of reference of the Chamber in its resolution of 28 April 1997,

1. *Records* that the Chamber is composed of nine members and that, if the number of members able to sit in a given case falls below seven, new members shall be selected by the Tribunal in order to bring the number to seven at least;
2. *Records* that the quorum required for meetings is seven members;
3. *Records* that the Chamber will be available to deal with disputes which the parties agree to submit to it concerning the interpretation or application of any provision of:
 - (a) the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea concerning the protection and preservation of the marine environment; and
 - (b) any other agreement relating to the protection and preservation of the marine environment which confers jurisdiction on the Tribunal;

4. *Records* that the Tribunal, at a meeting on 4 October 2023, selected the following Members of the Tribunal to serve on the Chamber with immediate effect:

Judge Bouguetaia
Judge Cabello Sarubbi
Judge Lijnzaad
Judge Kamga
Judge Armas Pfirter
Judge Horinouchi
Judge Rhee
Judge Kamara
Judge Marciniak

5. *Records* that Judge Lijnzaad was elected on 4 October 2023 by the members of the Chamber as its President;

6. *Records* that the term of office of the members will end on 30 September 2026.

Adopted on 6 October 2023.