

# INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

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## THE M/V "SAIGA" CASE

(SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES v. GUINEA)

### ORDER

The President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,

Having regard to article 292 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

Having regard to article 112, paragraph 3, of the Rules of the Tribunal,

Having regard to the Application submitted by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the Tribunal on 13 November 1997, requesting the prompt release of the M/V *Saiga* and its crew, alleged to have been detained by the authorities of Guinea on 28 October 1997,

*Makes the following Order:*

Whereas the Registrar, in accordance with article 52, paragraph 2(a), and article 111, paragraph 4, of the Rules of the Tribunal, transmitted a certified copy of the Application to the Government of Guinea on 13 November 1997,

Whereas, pursuant to article 292 of the Convention, the Tribunal shall deal with the Application without delay,

Whereas, pursuant to article 112, paragraph 3, of the Rules of the Tribunal, the Tribunal, or the President if the Tribunal is not sitting, shall fix the earliest possible date, but not exceeding ten days from the date of receipt of the Application, for a hearing,

THE PRESIDENT

Fixes 21 November 1997 as the date for the opening of the hearing.

Done in English and in French, the English text being authoritative, in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, this thirteenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal and

the others transmitted to the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Government of Guinea, respectively.

*(Signed)* Thomas A. MENSAH,  
President.

*(Signed)* Gritakumar E. CHITTY,  
Registrar.