

# INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA



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## **THE “GRAND PRINCE” CASE**

(BELIZE v. FRANCE)

PROMPT RELEASE

### **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 (hereinafter “the Convention”),

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

Having regard to the Application under article 292 of the Convention submitted on behalf of Belize to the Tribunal and filed on 21 March 2001, concerning the release of the vessel *Grand Prince*,

*Makes the following Order:*

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,

within a period of 15 days commencing with the first working day following the date on which the application is received, for a hearing,

THE PRESIDENT

*Fixes* 5 and 6 April 2001 as the dates for the hearing;

*Reserves* the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and in French, both texts being authoritative, in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, this twenty-first day of March, two thousand and one, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal and the others transmitted to the Government of Belize and to the Government of France, respectively.

*(Signed)* P. CHANDRASEKHARA RAO,  
President.

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