

**INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA  
TRIBUNAL INTERNATIONAL DU DROIT DE LA MER**



**YEAR 2007**

9 July 2007

**THE “HOSHINMARU” CASE**

(JAPAN *v.* RUSSIAN FEDERATION)

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 by Japan to the Tribunal on 6 July 2007, concerning the prompt release of the vessel *Hoshinmaru* and its crew,

*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 of the Tribunal 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* 19 July 2007 as the date for the opening of 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 9th day of July, two thousand and seven, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal and the others transmitted to the Government of Japan and to the Government of the Russian Federation, respectively.

*(signed)*  
Rüdiger WOLFRUM,  
President

*(signed)*  
Philippe GAUTIER,  
Registrar

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