

**INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA**



**YEAR 2011**

23 December 2011

**THE M/V “VIRGINIA G” CASE**

(PANAMA/GUINEA-BISSAU)

**ORDER**

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

Having regard to article 27 of the Statute of the Tribunal,

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

*Makes the following Order:*

Whereas the President, by his Order dated 18 August 2011, fixed 4 January 2012 and 21 May 2012 respectively as the time-limits for the filing, respectively, of the Memorial of the Republic of Panama and the Counter-Memorial of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau;

Whereas, by a letter dated 19 December 2011, the Agent of the Republic of Panama requested that the time-limit fixed for the submission of the Memorial be extended by 19 days, until Monday, 23 January 2012, and provided justification in support of this request;

Whereas, by a letter received on 22 December 2011 by the Registry of the Tribunal, the Agent of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau raised an objection to the request for extension submitted by the Agent of Panama but expressed the view that, should the extension be granted, Guinea-Bissau would request to be granted the same extension for the time-limit fixed for the filing of its Counter-Memorial.

Being satisfied that there is adequate justification for the request for an extension of the time-limit,

Having ascertained the views of the Parties,

*Extends* the time-limit for the submission of the Memorial of the Republic of Panama to 23 January 2012;

*Extends* the time-limit for the submission of the Counter-Memorial of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau to 11 June 2012;

*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-third day of December, two thousand and eleven, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal and the others transmitted to the Government of Panama and the Government of Guinea-Bissau, respectively.

*(signed)*  
SHUNJI YANAI  
President

*(signed)*  
PHILIPPE GAUTIER  
Registrar