

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



**YEAR 2013**

20 December 2013

**REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION  
SUBMITTED BY THE SUB-REGIONAL FISHERIES COMMISSION (SRFC)**

**(REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION  
SUBMITTED TO THE TRIBUNAL)**

**ORDER**

The President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,  
Having regard to articles 21 and 27 of the Statute of the Tribunal,  
Having regard to articles 130, 133 and 138 of the Rules of the Tribunal,  
Having regard to the Order of the Tribunal of 24 May 2013;

*Makes the following Order:*

Whereas, by Order dated 24 May 2013, the Tribunal invited the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (“the Convention”), the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission and other intergovernmental organizations listed in the annex to that Order to present written statements on the questions submitted to the Tribunal for an advisory opinion;

Whereas, by the same Order, the Tribunal fixed 29 November 2013 as the time-limit within which written statements on those questions might be presented to it and whereas, by Order dated 3 December 2013, the President of the Tribunal extended the said time-limit to 19 December 2013;

Whereas a number of written statements were received within the time-limit prescribed;

*Decides* that, in accordance with article 133, paragraph 3, of the Rules of the Tribunal, States Parties to the Convention and intergovernmental organizations having presented written statements may submit written statements on the statements made;

*Fixes* 14 March 2014 as the time-limit within which written statements may be submitted to the Tribunal;

*Reserves* the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and in French, both texts being equally authoritative, in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, this twentieth day of December, two thousand and thirteen.

*(signed)*  
SHUNJI YANAI  
President

*(signed)*  
PHILIPPE GAUTIER  
Registrar