

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA



YEAR 2014

14 April 2014

**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 article 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 and to the Orders of the President of 3 December 2013 and of 20 December 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, and whereas a number of written statements were received within the time-limit prescribed;

Whereas, by Order dated 20 December 2013, the President of the Tribunal fixed 14 March 2014 as the time-limit within which States Parties to the Convention and intergovernmental organizations having presented written statements might submit written statements on the statements made, and whereas a number of written statements were received within the time-limit prescribed;

Whereas, by Order dated 24 May 2013, the Tribunal decided, in accordance with article 133, paragraph 4, of the Rules of the Tribunal, that oral proceedings shall be held;

THE PRESIDENT

Fixes 2 September 2014 as the date for the opening of the hearing at which oral statements may be submitted to the Tribunal by the States Parties to Convention, the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission and the other intergovernmental organizations listed in the annex to the Order of the Tribunal of 24 May 2013;

Invites the States Parties to Convention, the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission and the other intergovernmental organizations listed in the annex to the Order of the Tribunal of 24 May 2013 to indicate to the Registrar of the Tribunal, not later than 5 August 2014, their intention to make oral statements at the hearing; and

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 fourteenth day of April, two thousand and fourteen.



SHUNJI YANAI
President



PHILIPPE GAUTIER
Registrar