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The President of the Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea formed to deal with the above-mentioned case under article 15, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Tribunal (hereinafter “the Statute”),

Having regard to article 27 of the Statute,

Having regard to articles 31, 45, 46, 59, 61, 107 and 109 of the Rules of the Tribunal (hereinafter “the Rules”),

Having regard to the Order of the Tribunal of 12 January 2015,

Makes the following Order:

1. Whereas, pursuant to the request of Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire, the Tribunal, by its Order dated 12 January 2015, formed a special chamber of five judges

to deal with the above-mentioned case, and declared the Special Chamber to have been duly constituted;

2. Whereas, in the said Order, the Tribunal decided that the written proceedings shall consist of a Memorial presented by Ghana and a Counter-Memorial presented by Côte d'Ivoire;

3. Whereas, in the said Order, the Tribunal further decided that the Special Chamber may authorize or direct the presentation of a Reply by Ghana and a Rejoinder by Côte d'Ivoire if it decides, at the request of a party or *proprio motu*, that these pleadings are necessary;

4. Whereas, in the said Order, the Tribunal reserved the subsequent procedure for further decision by the Special Chamber;

5. Whereas consultations were held by the President of the Special Chamber with the representatives of the Parties on 18 February 2015 at the premises of the Tribunal to ascertain the views of the Parties with regard to questions of procedure in respect of the case;

6. Whereas, during these consultations, the Agent of Ghana and the Agent of Côte d'Ivoire agreed on the following order and time-limits for the filing of the written pleadings:

4 September 2015 time-limit for the filing of the Memorial by Ghana
4 April 2016 time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial by Côte d'Ivoire;

should the Special Chamber find it necessary to authorize the presentation of reply and rejoinder, the time-limits for the filing of these pleadings should be as follows:

4 July 2016 time-limit for the filing of the Reply by Ghana
4 October 2016 time-limit for the filing of the Rejoinder by Côte d'Ivoire;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL CHAMBER

Taking into account the agreement of the Parties,

Fixes the following time-limits for the filing of the Memorial and the Counter-Memorial:

4 September 2015 for the Memorial of Ghana;

4 April 2016 for the Counter-Memorial of Côte d'Ivoire;

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 twenty-fourth day of February, two thousand and fifteen, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal and the others transmitted to the Government of Ghana and to the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, respectively.

(*signed*) BOUALEM BOUGUETAIA
President of the Special Chamber

(*signed*) PHILIPPE GAUTIER
Registrar