

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA



YEAR 2016

25 April 2016

**DISPUTE CONCERNING DELIMITATION OF THE
MARITIME BOUNDARY BETWEEN GHANA AND CÔTE D'IVOIRE
IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN**

(GHANA/CÔTE D'IVOIRE)

ORDER

The President of the Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (hereinafter "the Special Chamber") 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 59, paragraphs 2 and 3, and 107 of the Rules of the Tribunal (hereinafter "the Rules"),

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

Having regard to the Order of the Special Chamber of 16 March 2016,

Makes the following Order:

1. Whereas, pursuant to the Order of the Special Chamber dated 16 March 2016, the Special Chamber authorized the submission of a Reply by Ghana and a Rejoinder by Côte d'Ivoire and fixed 4 July 2016 as the time-limit for the filing of the Reply and 4 October 2016, as the time-limit for the filing of the Rejoinder;
2. Whereas, by a letter dated 5 April 2016, the Agent of Ghana requested that the time-limit fixed for the submission of the Reply be extended by three weeks, until 25 July 2016, and that Côte d'Ivoire be granted an equal extension for the filing of the Rejoinder, until 14 November 2016;
3. Whereas, in the same letter, the Agent of Ghana provided justification in support of the request of Ghana for an extension of the filing of the submission of its Reply;
4. Whereas, by a letter dated 15 April 2016, the Agent of Côte d'Ivoire informed the Special Chamber that Côte d'Ivoire did not object to the request for extension submitted by the Agent of Ghana;
5. Being satisfied that there is adequate justification for the request for an extension of the time-limit,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL CHAMBER

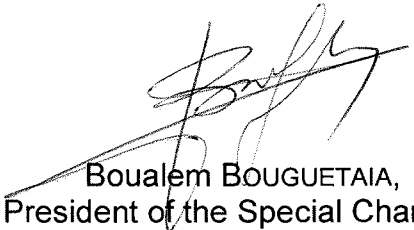
Having ascertained the views of the Parties,

Extends the time-limit for the submission of the Reply of Ghana to 25 July 2016;

Extends the time-limit for the submission of the Rejoinder of Côte d'Ivoire to 14 November 2016;

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-fifth day of April, two thousand and sixteen, 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.



Boualem BOUGUETAIA,
President of the Special Chamber



Philippe GAUTIER,
Registrar
