

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



**YEAR 2016**

15 December 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 Tribunal") formed to deal with the dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire in the Atlantic Ocean;

Having regard to article 27 of the Statute of the Tribunal (hereinafter "the Statute"),

Having regard to articles 45, 69 and 107 of the Rules of the Tribunal,

Having regard to the Order of the Tribunal of 12 January 2015 by which the Tribunal formed the Special Chamber by virtue of article 15, paragraph 2, of the Statute,

Having regard to the Orders of the President of the Special Chamber of 24 February 2015 and 25 April 2016,

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

*Makes the following Order:*

1. Whereas the President of the Special Chamber, by Order of 24 February 2015, fixed the time-limits for the filing of the Memorial by Ghana and of the Counter-

Memorial by Côte d'Ivoire as 4 September 2015 and 4 April 2016, respectively, and whereas these documents were duly filed within the prescribed time-limits;

2. Whereas the Special Chamber, by its Order of 16 March 2016, authorized the submission of a Reply by Ghana and of a Rejoinder by Côte d'Ivoire and fixed 4 July 2016 and 4 October 2016, respectively, as the time-limits for the filing of these two documents;

3. Whereas the President of the Special Chamber, by Order of 25 April 2016, extended the time-limit for the submission of the Reply by Ghana to 25 July 2016 and the time-limit for the submission of the Rejoinder by Côte d'Ivoire to 14 November 2016, and whereas these documents were duly filed within the prescribed time-limits;

#### THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL CHAMBER

Having received the views of the Parties,

*Sets* 6 February 2017 as the date for the opening of the oral proceedings;

*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 fifteenth day of December, two thousand and sixteen, in three copies, one of which will be filed in the Archives of the Tribunal and the others will be 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