

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA



YEAR 2012

8 August 2012

THE M/V "VIRGINIA G" CASE

(PANAMA/GUINEA-BISSAU)

ORDER

The President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,

Having regard to article 27 of the Statute of the Tribunal,

Having regard to article 59, paragraph 2 and 3, of the Rules of the Tribunal,

Makes the following Order:

Whereas, pursuant to the Order of 30 September 2011, the Tribunal authorized the submission of a Reply by Panama and a Rejoinder by Guinea-Bissau and fixed 21 August 2012 and 21 November 2012 respectively as the time-limits for the filing of them;

Whereas, by a communication received 24 July 2012, the Agent of the Republic of Panama requested that the time-limit fixed for the submission of the Reply be extended by seven days, until 28 August 2012;

Whereas, by a letter received on 27 July 2012, the Agent of Guinea-Bissau raised an objection to the request for extension submitted by the Agent of Panama but expressed the view that, should the extension be granted, Guinea-Bissau would request to be granted the same extension for the time-limit fixed for the filing of its Rejoinder;

Whereas, by a communication of 7 August 2012, the Agent of Panama provided additional information in support of his request;

Being satisfied that there is adequate justification for the request for an extension of the time-limit,

Having ascertained the views of the Parties,

Extends the time-limit for the submission of the Reply of Panama to 28 August 2012;

Extends the time-limit for the submission of the Rejoinder of Guinea-Bissau to 28 November 2012;

Reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and French, both texts being equally authoritative, in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, this eighth day of August, two thousand and twelve, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal and the others transmitted to the Government of Panama and the Government of Guinea-Bissau, respectively.

(signed)
SHUNJI YANAI
President

(signed)
PHILIPPE GAUTIER
Registrar
