

**AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA
as adopted by the Tribunal on 25 September 2020**

The Tribunal,

Acting pursuant to article 16 of the Statute of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Annex VI to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

Adopts the following amendments to the Rules of the Tribunal of 28 October 1997 (as amended on 15 March and 21 September 2001, on 17 March 2009 and on 25 September 2018):

(i) Article 41 shall be amended as follows:

7. Upon consultations with the Members of the Tribunal, the President may decide, as an exceptional measure, for public health, security or other compelling reasons, to hold meetings entirely or in part by video link.

(ii) Article 74 shall be amended as follows:

2. The Tribunal may decide, as an exceptional measure, for public health, security or other compelling reasons, to hold a hearing entirely or in part by video link.

(iii) Article 112 shall be amended as follows:

5. The Tribunal may decide, as an exceptional measure, for public health, security or other compelling reasons, that the judgment shall be read at a sitting of the Tribunal accessible to the parties and the public by video link.

(iv) Article 124 shall be amended as follows:

3. The Tribunal may decide, as an exceptional measure, for public health, security or other compelling reasons, that the judgment shall be read at a sitting of the Tribunal accessible to the parties and the public by video link.

(v) Article 135 shall be amended as follows:

1 *bis*. The Chamber may decide, as an exceptional measure, for public health, security or other compelling reasons, that the advisory opinion shall be read at a sitting of the Chamber accessible to the parties and the public by video link.

Decides that these amendments enter into force forthwith.

Done in English and in French, both texts being authoritative, in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, this twenty-fifth day of September, two thousand and twenty.



JIN-HYUN PAIK,
President



XIMENA HINRICHS OYARCE,
Registrar