

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA
TRIBUNAL INTERNATIONAL DU DROIT DE LA MER



Shunji Yanai
The President

10 January 2014

Dear Ms Lijnzaad,

**Arbitral proceedings instituted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands
against the Russian Federation**

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision on the appointment of three arbitrators in the arbitral proceedings instituted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands against the Russian Federation on 4 October 2013, under Annex VII to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Yanai', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Considering that, by a Notification and Statement of Claim dated 4 October 2013, the Kingdom of the Netherlands instituted arbitral proceedings against the Russian Federation under Annex VII to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ("Annex VII");

Considering also that, by a decision adopted on 13 December 2013, the President of the Tribunal, in accordance with article 3, subparagraphs (c) and (e), of Annex VII, appointed Mr Alberto Székely Sánchez (Mexico), as arbitrator in those arbitral proceedings;

Considering further that, by a letter of the Agent of the Netherlands dated 13 December 2013, the Netherlands requested the President of the Tribunal, pursuant to article 3, subparagraphs (d) and (e), of Annex VII to appoint "the other three members of the arbitral tribunal that is being constituted under Annex VII";

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with article 3, subparagraph (e), of Annex VII, the President of the Tribunal shall make the appointment of arbitrators referred to in subparagraph (d) "from the list referred to in article 2 of this Annex within a period of 30 days of the receipt of the request and in consultation with the parties";

Noting that the President of the Tribunal pursued consultations by correspondence with the Parties on the matter of the appointment of three arbitrators, in accordance with article 3, subparagraphs (d) and (e), of Annex VII;

Decides

1. To appoint Mr Thomas Mensah (Ghana), Mr Janusz Symonides (Poland) and Mr Henry Burmester (Australia) as arbitrators in the arbitral proceedings instituted on 4 October 2013 by the Kingdom of the Netherlands against the Russian Federation under Annex VII;

2. To appoint Mr Thomas Mensah as president of the arbitral tribunal.

Done in Hamburg, on 10 January 2014.