

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA



YEAR 1999

16 August 1999

List of cases:
Nos. 3 and 4

SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA CASES

(NEW ZEALAND *v.* JAPAN; AUSTRALIA *v.* JAPAN)

ORDER

Present: *President* MENSAH; *Vice-President* WOLFRUM; *Judges* ZHAO, CAMINOS, MAROTTA RANGEL, YANKOV, YAMAMOTO, KOLODKIN, PARK, BAMELA ENGO, NELSON, CHANDRASEKHARA RAO, AKL, ANDERSON, VUKAS, WARIOBA, LAING, TREVES, MARSIT, EIRIKSSON, NDIAYE; *Judge ad hoc* SHEARER; *Registrar* CHITTY.

THE TRIBUNAL,

Composed as above,

After deliberation,

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

Having regard to article 47 of the Rules of the Tribunal,

Having ascertained the views of the parties,

Makes the following Order:

Whereas a Request for the prescription of provisional measures in the Southern Bluefin Tuna Case was submitted to the Tribunal on 30 July 1999 by New Zealand,

Whereas a Request for the prescription of provisional measures in the Southern Bluefin Tuna Case was submitted to the Tribunal on 30 July 1999 by Australia,

Whereas the Requests submitted by New Zealand and Australia state that they appear as parties in the same interest,

THE TRIBUNAL

Joins the proceedings upon the Requests for provisional measures in relation to the cases between New Zealand and Japan and between Australia and Japan.

Done in English and in French, the English text being authoritative, in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, this sixteenth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine, in four copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal and the others transmitted to the Government of New Zealand, the Government of Australia and the Government of Japan, respectively.

(Signed) Thomas A. MENSAH,
President.

(Signed) Gritakumar E. CHITTY,
Registrar.