NILOS Moot Court Competition 2022

The RV Vilhelmina Case

(Republic of Freitas v. Kingdom of Selden)

Corrections and Clarifications

The following corrections and clarifications apply to the NILOS Moot Court Competition Case 2022: The RV Vilhelmina Case (Republic of Freitas v. Kingdom of Selden). Any request not addressed below has been deemed redundant, immaterial, or a matter for which there is no consensus among the Parties to the dispute.

Corrections

1. The beginning of Paragraph 12 stands corrected to:

[12] In December 2020, Freitas had sent a diplomatic cable to Selden with the following notice: [...].

Clarifications

- 2. The references to maritime features (such as islands or rocks) throughout the NILOS Moot Court Competition Case 2022 are equivalent to their legal classification, which is undisputed.
- 3. Paragraphs I-2 provide the account of maritime zones claimed by each State.
- 4. In Paragraph 2, the 140nm distance from Selden Island to the Tiles is measured from the low-water line.
- 5. In Paragraph 3, Selden closed areas beyond 12nm from the Tiles to traditional fisheries for the purpose of exploring and exploiting, conserving and managing its natural resources.

- 6. In Paragraph 4, "all multilateral treaties" refers to legal instruments open to all States, thus excluding regional and bilateral instruments but including instruments adopted under the auspices of international organizations, such as the specialised agencies of the United Nations.
- 7. In Paragraph 5, the Memorandum of Understanding does not result in an agreement on channels of communication.
- 8. In Paragraph 14, it is undisputed that the requirement of due publicity, as stated under Article 76(9) of UNCLOS, is fulfilled.
- 9. In Paragraph 16, the parties agree that the underwater vehicle begins tracking marine mammals upon deployment at 199nm from Selden's baselines.
- 10. In Paragraph 18, the "environmental disaster" feared by the Master of the RV Vilhelmina is one that may generally result from accidents caused by navigating with a "lack of healthy and qualified crewmembers".
- 11. In Paragraph 18, the preventative measures would be implemented by the public authority of Selden normally responsible for law enforcement at sea.
