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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Before becoming Judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) on 1 October 2014, Tomas Heidar served as Legal Adviser of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Iceland for almost twenty years. As such he was responsible for all matters of public international law, including, in particular, treaties and the law of the sea. He represented Iceland regularly at meetings on oceans and the law of the sea at the United Nations in New York, including Meetings of States Parties to the Law of the Sea Convention, meetings of the UN Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, negotiations on the oceans and the law of the sea and fisheries resolutions of the General Assembly, and meetings of the Ad Hoc Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction. He also represented Iceland at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and many other international fora. He was also in charge of a number of negotiations with the neighbouring countries on maritime delimitation, fisheries and Arctic issues. He was furthermore Chairman of the National Commission on Continental Shelf Limits, was in charge of preparing the Submission of Iceland to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and was Head of Delegation at meetings with the Commission. Tomas Heidar was awarded the title of Ambassador on 1 September 2014.

Tomas Heidar is furthermore the Director of the Law of the Sea Institute of Iceland which regularly hosts seminars and conferences in this field. In this capacity, he is Co-director and Lecturer of the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy, which holds a summer course each year in Rhodes, Greece. He is also Lecturer of the Yeosu Academy of the Law of the Sea, which holds a course in this field each year in Yeosu, South Korea. He is also Guest Lecturer on the Law of the Sea at the University of Iceland and many other universities.

Judge Heidar is author and editor of a number of books and articles on ocean affairs and the law of the sea and lecturer in numerous academic conferences and seminars in this field.

SCHEDULE

- 09:00 Registration and welcome
09:15 Keynote speech: The Rule of Law, UNCLOS and ITLOS
10:15 Coffee and pastries
10:40 **1st panel: Maritime Limits and Jurisdiction**
- [Arron N. Honniball](#): Ports of Global Authority: The basis and limits of unilateral port state jurisdiction to combat extraterritorial illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing
 - [Nelson Coelho](#): Port state jurisdiction over ship source pollution: Chapter the territoriality of unilateral port state jurisdiction: Section the inherent limitations of the territoriality principle in entitling unilateral port state jurisdiction over extraterritorial ship-source pollution
 - [Snjólaug Árnadóttir](#): The Effects of Geographical Changes on Maritime Limits and Maritime Boundaries
- 12:10 Lunch
13:00 **2nd panel: Marine Resources**
- [Nikolaos Giannopoulos](#): Multi-layered regime interaction in ocean governance: the international regulation of offshore energy production
 - [Dawoon Jung](#): The protection of the Marine Environment from Offshore Energy Activities: Towards the Development of Effective Regional Regulation
 - [Rozemarijn Roland Holst](#): Interaction of interests and mechanisms for change in the Law of the Sea Convention
- 14:30 Coffee
15:00 **3rd panel: Marine Protected Areas and Marine Scientific Research**
- [Beatriz de Sousa Fernandes](#): An International Legal Regime for MPAs: Current Developments and Trends
 - [Wen Duan](#): Could Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ) Bind Third Parties? : A Case Study on MPAs under Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
 - [Chuxiao Yu](#): International Legal Regulation of Marine Scientific Research Against the Background of Rapid Technological Transformation - Use Bio-logging as an Example
- 16:30 Closing remarks

