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Maritime Delimitation in the Black Sea (Romania v. Ukraine)

Conclusion of the public hearings

Court begins its deliberation

THE HAGUE, 19 September 2008. The public hearings in the case concerning Maritime Delimitation in the Black Sea (Romania v. Ukraine) were concluded today. The Court has started its deliberation.

During the hearings, which opened on 2 September 2008 at the Peace Palace, seat of the Court, the delegation of Romania was led by Mr. Bogdan Aurescu, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, as Agent. The delegation of Ukraine was led by H.E. Mr. Volodymyr A. Vassylenko, Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, as Agent.

The Court's Judgment will be rendered at a public sitting, the date of which will be announced in due course.

Final submissions of the Parties

At the end of the oral proceedings, the Agents of the Parties presented the following final submissions to the Court:

For Romania:

"Romania respectfully requests the Court to draw a single maritime boundary dividing the maritime areas of Romania and Ukraine in the Black Sea, having the following description:

- (a) from point F, at 45° 05' 21" N, 30° 02' 27" E, on the 12-nautical-mile arc surrounding Serpents' Island, to point X, at 45° 14' 20" N, 30° 29' 12" E;
- (b) from point X in a straight segment to point Y, at 45° 11' 59" N, 30° 49' 16" E;
- (c) then on the line equidistant between the relevant Romanian and Ukrainian adjacent coasts, from point Y, passing through point D, at 45° 12' 10" N, 30° 59' 46" E, to point T, at 45° 09' 45" N, 31° 08' 40" E;

(d) and then on the line median between the relevant Romanian and Ukrainian opposite coasts, from point T— passing through the points of 44° 35' 00" N, 31° 13' 43" E and of 44° 04' 05" N, 31° 24' 40" E, to point Z, at 43° 26' 50" N, 31° 20' 10" E.”

For Ukraine:

“For the reasons given in Ukraine’s written and oral pleadings, Ukraine requests the Court to adjudge and declare that the line delimiting the continental shelf and exclusive economic zones between Ukraine and Romania is as follows:

- (a) from the point (point 1) identified in Article 1 of the 2003 Treaty between Ukraine and Romania on the Régime of the Ukrainian-Romanian State Border, having the co-ordinates of 45° 05' 21" N; 30° 02' 27" E, the line runs along a straight line to point 2, having the co-ordinates of 44° 54' 00" N; 30° 06' 00" E; then
- (b) from point 2, the line runs along an azimuth of 156° to point 3, having the co-ordinates of 43° 20' 37" N; 31° 05' 39" E; and then continues along the same azimuth until it reaches a point where the interests of third States potentially come into play.

The co-ordinates are referenced to the Pulkovo datum (i.e., using the Krasovsky ellipsoid), and all lines are loxodromes.”

The verbatim records of the hearings held between 2 and 19 September 2008 are available on the Court’s website (www.icj-cij.org). The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Release No. 2008/ 22 of 24 July 2008.

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