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Consideration of administrative and budgetary matters of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea: draft supplementary budget proposals of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for the budget period 2023–2024

Decisions on budgetary matters of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for the period 2023–2024

The Meeting of States Parties,

Considering that, on 12 December 2022, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea received a request from the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law to render an advisory opinion, which was entered in the list of cases of the Tribunal as case No. 31,

Considering also that, as case No. 31 was filed after the budget for the period 2023–2024 had been approved in June 2022, no provision for the costs of that case was included in part C (Case-related costs) of the 2023–2024 budget,

Considering further that the estimated costs for case No. 31 amount to €2,484,900, and that part of these costs can be financed through savings from case No. 28 (€410,000) and the provision for one urgent case in the 2023–2024 budget of the Tribunal (€833,700),

Noting that the provisional 2021–2022 cash surplus, as determined on 31 December 2022, amounts to €3,405,652,

Having considered the draft supplementary budget proposals of the Tribunal for the budget period 2023–2024,¹

1. *Authorizes* the Tribunal to use part of the cash surplus from the 2021–2022 budget to finance an additional appropriation in the amount of €1,241,200 in order to cover the estimated costs of case No. 31 that cannot be absorbed by the approved budget of the Tribunal for the period 2023–2024;

2. *Encourages* the Registrar to continue to manage the funds prudently and efficiently, seeking to achieve optimum utilization of the financial resources of the Tribunal.

¹ SPLOS/33/9.

