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PREFACE

The *Yearbook* provides general information on the organization, jurisdiction, activities and administration of the Tribunal.

Each volume of the *Yearbook* covers the period from 1 January to 31 December of the year for which it is published. This volume, which is the eighth in the series to date, covers calendar year 2004.

The *Yearbook* is prepared and published by the Registry and in no way involves the responsibility of the Tribunal; in particular, information on Judgments and Orders contained in Chapter IV cannot be quoted against the actual texts of those Judgments and Orders and does not constitute an interpretation thereof.

Throughout the *Yearbook*, the following abbreviations have been used:

“Convention” for the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;

“Statute” for the Statute of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;

“Rules” for the Rules of the Tribunal;

“Resolution” for the Resolution on the Internal Judicial Practice of the Tribunal; and

“Guidelines” for the Guidelines concerning the Preparation and Presentation of Cases before the Tribunal.

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Registrar
(September 2005)

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