

## Importance of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

\* *Small nations* can bring claims against *large and powerful nations*.

\* Principles viewed as “*soft law*” by some can be given *teeth* and shown to be.

\* The *rights and duties* of all states can be *clarified* and international law will take greater shape.

\* Professor Sohn’s dream will come true -- that *the norms of international law will become more specific and detailed* and that these norms will be taken seriously and be enforced, even against the powerful countries of our world.

\* The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea exists because of *the vision and persistence of Louis Sohn* and others who shared his vision.

\* Let us hope that this new Tribunal continues to *resolve disputes* and *clarify the law for generations*, and serves as *an example* for the establishment of *other tribunals* that can bring *certainty and stability* to our world.

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