

**Statement by the President of the Arbitral Tribunal between Barbados and the
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**

Reports have appeared in the Caribbean press about contents of the arbitral proceedings currently taking place in London between Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago concerning their maritime boundary. In that regard, the Tribunal draws attention to its Rules of Procedure, which, in Article 13(1), provide: “All written and oral pleadings, documents, and evidence submitted in the arbitration, verbatim transcripts of meetings and hearings, and the deliberations of the Arbitral Tribunal, shall remain confidential unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.”

The Tribunal accordingly trusts that this rule will be observed by the Parties and any spokesmen for them.

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