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Re: *Thomas Mensah*
Jan Sandström

Dear All,

It is with profound regret and sadness that I have to pass on to you that two beloved members of the CMI family, Thomas Mensah of Ghana and Jan Sandström of Sweden, have passed away. Both were Titulary Members of the CMI and Judge Mensah was also a Member *Honoris Causa*.

Attached is the Press Release prepared by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) and Notice prepared by the Swedish Maritime Law Association, both received on 9 April 2020, outlining their contributions to international maritime law and the CMI.

Judge Mensah was the inaugural President of ITLOS, became Assistant Secretary-General and Director of Legal Affairs at the International Maritime Organization, Special Advisor on Environmental Law and Institutions for the United Nations Environment Programme, Professor of Law and Director of the Sea Institute at the University of Hawaii, Cleveringa Chair at the University of Leiden, and High Commissioner of Ghana to the Republic of South Africa.

Professor Sandström was President of the Swedish Maritime Law Association for 10 years, Treasurer of the International Average Adjusters' Association, Professor of Law at the University of Gothenburg where he received a doctoral degree, Visiting Professor at Stanford Law School, was regularly appointed Secretary in international

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treaty disputes and Chairman in commercial arbitrations, and was appointed Dispascheur by the Government of Sweden.

I am conveying my heartfelt condolences and those of the CMI to ITLOS and the Swedish MLA, and asking them to be passed on to Judge Mensah's and Professor Sandström's families.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris O. Davis", written in a cursive style.

Christopher O. Davis