



# INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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## Legality of Use of Force

(Yugoslavia v. Belgium) (Yugoslavia v. Canada) (Yugoslavia v. France)  
(Yugoslavia v. Germany) (Yugoslavia v. Italy) (Yugoslavia v. Netherlands)  
(Yugoslavia v. Portugal) (Yugoslavia v. Spain) (Yugoslavia v. United Kingdom)  
(Yugoslavia v. United States of America)

## Provisional Measures

### Programme of the hearings opening on Monday 10 May 1999

THE HAGUE, 7 May 1999. The hearings scheduled to open on Monday 10 May 1999 at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the above-mentioned cases will take place from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. till 6 p.m. each day.

They will begin with a preliminary common statement by Judge Christopher Weeramantry, Vice-President of the Court, exercising the functions of the presidency in the ten cases.

Judges *ad hoc* will subsequently take the oath (Article 31 of the Court's Statute provides that Parties which do not have any judge of their nationality on the Bench may appoint a judge *ad hoc*).

The Court will then hear the Parties. Yugoslavia, as the applicant State, will speak first for two hours in a common statement addressed to all ten cases. It will be followed by the respondent States in English alphabetical order. Each State will have approximately one hour to submit its arguments.

The delegations of the Parties will be led by the following persons:

- Yugoslavia: Mr. Rodoljub Etinski, Chief Legal Adviser in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agent;
- Belgium: Mrs. Raymonde Foucart, Director-General Legal Matters at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agent;
- Canada: Mr. Philippe Kirsch, Legal Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Agent;
- France: Mr. Ronny Abraham, Director of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agent;
- Germany: H.E. Mr. Eberhard U. B. J. von Puttkamer, Ambassador to the Netherlands, and Mr. Gerhard Westdickenberg, Legal Adviser of the Federal Foreign Office, Agents;

- Italy: Mr. Umberto Leanza, Head of the Diplomatic Legal Service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agent;
- Netherlands: Prof. Dr. J. G. Lammers, Acting Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agent;
- Portugal: Mr. José Maria Teixeira Leite Martins, Head of the Legal Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agent;
- Spain: Mr. Aurelio Pérez Giralda, Director of the International Legal Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agent;
- United Kingdom: Sir Franklin D. Berman, K.C.M.G., Q.C., Legal Adviser to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Agent;
- United States of America: Mr. David R. Andrews, Legal Adviser, Department of State, Agent.

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NOTE FOR THE PRESS

A press briefing will be organized on Monday 10 May 1999 at 8.15 a.m. in the Press Room (Room 5) of the Peace Palace at The Hague, seat of the Court. Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. However, no filming will be allowed during the briefing.

The verbatim records of the hearings will be published daily on the Court's website (address: <http://www.icj-cij.org>).

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