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Certain Questions of Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters

(Djibouti v. France)

Schedule of the public hearings which will open on Monday 21 January 2008

THE HAGUE, 20 December 2007. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will hold public hearings in the case concerning Certain Questions of Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Djibouti v. France) opening on Monday 21 January 2008, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, seat of the Court.

Schedule for the hearings

— First round of oral argument

Monday 21 January 2008	3 p.m.-6 p.m.: Djibouti
Tuesday 22 January 2008	10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.: Djibouti
Thursday 24 January 2008	3 p.m.-6 p.m.: France
Friday 25 January 2008	10 a.m.-1 p.m.: and 3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.: France

— Second round of oral argument

Monday 28 January 2008	10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Djibouti
Tuesday 29 January 2008	3 p.m.-6 p.m.: France

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Release No. 2007/27 of 2 November 2007 available on the Court's website at www.icj-cij.org.

NOTE TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

1. The public hearings will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands. Mobile telephones and beepers are permitted in the courtroom provided they are switched off. Any offending device will be temporarily retained.

2. **Media representatives** are subject to an **accreditation procedure**, the details of which will be sent in a Media Advisory in due course.

3. Individual visitors (members of the Diplomatic Corps and the general public) are not subject to an admission procedure. However, groups of **five persons or more** are kindly requested to **give advance notification of their attendance** by filling out the relevant form on the Court's website (to the right of the screen under Calendar, click on "Attending a Hearing", then under Admission for Groups, click on "Online Application Form"), which will be posted in due course.

4. Verbatim records of the hearings will be published daily on the Court's website, with translations to follow as soon as practicable thereafter.

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