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<u>Jurisdictional Immunities of the State (Germany v. Italy: Greece intervening)</u>

The Court to hold public hearings from Monday 12 to Friday 16 September 2011

THE HAGUE, 5 August 2011. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will hold public hearings in the case concerning <u>Jurisdictional Immunities of the State (Germany v. Italy: Greece intervening)</u>, from Monday 12 to Friday 16 September 2011, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court.

Schedule for the hearings

First round of oral Argument

Monday 12 September 2011 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Germany

Tuesday 13 September 2011 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Italy

Observations of Greece with respect to the subject-matter of its Intervention

Wednesday 14 September 2011 10 a.m.-12 noon

<u>Second round of oral Argument and Observations with respect to the subject-matter of</u> Greece's Intervention

Thursday 15 September 2011 10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.: Germany

Friday 16 September 2011 2.30 p.m.-5 p.m.: Italy

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Releases Nos. 2011/2 of 17 January 2011 and 2011/21 of 15 July 2011, available on the Court's website (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. Mobile telephones are permitted in the courtroom provided they are switched off.
- 2. **Media representatives** are subject to an <u>online</u> accreditation procedure, details of which can be found in the Media Advisory (2011/k) attached to this Press Release. The accreditation procedure will close at midnight on Thursday 8 September 2011.
- 3. **Individual visitors** (with the exception of members of the Diplomatic Corps) **and groups** are subject to an **online admission procedure**. They are kindly requested to fill out the relevant form on the Court's website (click on "Attending a Hearing"). **The admission procedure will close at midnight on Thursday 8 September 2011**.
- 4. Verbatim records of the hearings will be published daily on the Court's website, with translations to follow as soon as practicable thereafter. On the final day of the hearings, a Press Release will be issued presenting the submissions of the Parties.

<u>Note:</u> The Court's press releases do not constitute official documents. This press release is a concise summary of the latest developments in the proceedings, for information purposes only.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It was established by the United Nations Charter in June 1945 and began its activities in April 1946. The seat of the Court is at the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands). Of the six principal organs of the United Nations, it is the only one not located in New York. The Court has a twofold role: first, to settle, in accordance with international law, legal disputes submitted to it by States (its judgments have binding force and are without appeal for the Parties concerned); and, second, to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and agencies of the system. The Court is composed of 15 judges elected for a nine-year term by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. It is assisted by the Registry, its international secretariat whose activities are both judicial and diplomatic, as well as administrative. The official languages of the Court are French and English.

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