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The following information from the Registry of the International Court of Justice is communicated to the Press:

The International Court of Justice will sit at 4 p.m. on Monday, 21 September 1959, when the oral procedure in the second phase of the case concerning right of passage over Indian territory will be begun.

It will be recalled that proceedings were instituted in this case on 22 December 1955 by an Application of the Government of the Republic of Portugal against the Republic of India. The dispute concerns the question of right of passage over Indian territory between the Portuguese territory of Daman (coastal Daman), and the enclaved Portuguese territories of Dadra and Nagar Aveli and between these two latter territories. The Government of India having raised six objections to the jurisdiction, the Court, by its Judgment of 26 November 1957, rejected the first four objections, joined the fifth and sixth to the merits, ordered the resumption of the proceedings on the merits and fixed time-limits for the filing of pleadings. A number of extensions of these time-limits having been granted by the Court, the pleadings were filed on the following dates: the Counter-Memorial of the Government of India on 25 March 1958; the Reply of the Government of Portugal on 25 July 1958; the Rejoinder of the Government of India on 5 February 1959. Since that date the case has been ready for hearing.

As the Court does not include upon the Bench judges of the nationalities of the Parties, the Governments of India and of Portugal respectively chose to sit as judges ad hoc in the first phase of the proceedings: Mr. Mahomed Ali Currim Chagla, Ambassador of India to the United States of America, and M. Manuel Fernandes, Director-General of the Ministry of Justice of Portugal and a member of the International Relations Section of the Upper House. Mr. Chagla and M. Fernandes will again be sitting.

The Government of Portugal has indicated that it would be represented before the Court by the following:

M. João de Barros Ferreira da Fonseca, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Portugal to the Netherlands,

as Agent;

Professor Inocêncio Galvão Telles,

Director of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon, member of the Upper House,

as Agent, Advocate and Counsel;

M. Maurice Bourquin,

Professor of the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva and of the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes internationales,

as Advocate and Counsel;

M. Guilherme

- M. Guilherme Braga da Cruz, Professor, Director of the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra, member of the Upper House;
- M. Pierre Lalive d'Epinay, Professor of the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva;
- M. Joaquim Silva Cunha, Professor of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon, member of the Upper House,
as Counsel who will also participate in the oral proceedings;
- M. Henrique Martins de Carvalho, Counsellor for Overseas Affairs of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs;
- M. Alexandre Lobato, Secretary of the Centre d'Etudes historiques de l'Outremer,
as Experts;
- M. Carlos Macieira Ary dos Santos, Secretary of the Embassy of Portugal at The Hague,
as Secretary.

The composition of the delegation representing the Government of India has not yet been notified to the Court.

The Hague, 17 September 1959.
