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Interpretation of the Agreement of 25 March 1951
between the WHO and Egypt

Closure of oral proceedings

The following information is made available to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

At public sittings on 21, 22 and 23 October 1980 the Court heard the oral statements of the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, the United States, Syria and Egypt on the request for advisory opinion which the World Health Organization submitted to the Court concerning the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean.

Questions were put by President Sir Humphrey Waldock and by Judges Mosler, Oda and Sette-Camara, and answered by the Legal Adviser of the World Health Organization and by the representatives of Egypt, the United States and the United Arab Emirates.

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The persons named below addressed the Court in the following order:

For the <u>United Arab Emirates</u> :	Mr. Mustafa Kamil Yasseen;
For <u>Tunisia</u> :	Mr. Abdelhawab Chérif;
For the <u>United States</u> :	Mr. Stephen M. Schwebel;
For <u>Syria</u> :	Mr. Adnan Nachabé;
For <u>Egypt</u> :	His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Osman;
For the <u>World Health Organization</u> :	Mr. Claude-Henri Vignes.

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The governments participating in the oral proceedings were represented as follows:

- Egypt: H.E. Mr. Ahmed Osman, Ambassador to Austria;
H.E. Mr. Alaa Eldin Khairat, Ambassador to the Netherlands;
- Syrian Arab Republic: Mr. Adnan Nachabé, Legal Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
Mr. Mohamad Izzat Habbal, Chargé d'affaires a.i. in Brussels; Minister
- Tunisia: Mr. Abdelhawab Chérif, Counsellor at the Embassy in The Hague;
Mr. Mondher Jemal, Second Secretary at the Embassy in The Hague;
Mr. Samir Chaffai, Second Secretary at the Embassy in The Hague
- United Arab Emirates: Professor Mustafa Kamil Yasseen, Special Counsellor of the Mission of the United Arab Emirates at Geneva;
- United States of America: Mr. Stephen M. Schwebel, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State;
Mr. Stephen Bond, Legal Adviser, United States Mission to International Organizations, Geneva;
Mr. Ralph Martin, Attorney Adviser, Department of State;
Mrs. Lori Damrosch, Attorney Adviser, Department of State

The following delegation from the World Health Organization attended the hearings:

Mr. Claude-Henri Vignes, Director, Legal Division
Mr. H.J. Schlenzka, Senior Legal Officer

The Court will now proceed to its deliberation in private. As this deliberation remains secret (Statute, Art. 54, para. 3), no further information on the case will be given, whether orally or in writing, until a press communiqué is issued to announce the date of the public sitting at which the Opinion will be delivered.