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Continental Shelf (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Malta)

Hearing to open on Wednesday 25 January 1984 at 10 a.m.

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

The Court will hold public sittings beginning on Wednesday 25 January 1984 at 10 a.m. in the Continental Shelf case between the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Malta. It will hear argument on the Application for permission to intervene in the case presented by the Government of Italy. The Court will be addressed by representatives of Italy, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Malta.

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In the case concerning the dispute between the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Malta relating to the delimitation of the continental shelf between the two States, the Agents of the Parties have filed their Memorials and Counter-Memorials within the time-limits fixed. On 24 October 1983, the Government of Italy filed an Application for permission to intervene in the case under Article 62 of the Statute of the Court. That Article reads as follows:

"1. Should a State consider that it has an interest of a legal nature which may be affected by the decision in the case, it may submit a request to the Court to be permitted to intervene.

2. It shall be for the Court to decide upon this request."

The Government of Italy indicates in its Application that the object of its intervention in the case concerning delimitation of the continental shelf between the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Malta is to enable it to participate in the proceedings to the full extent necessary to defend its rights over certain areas claimed by the Parties, so that the Court may be able to take those rights into account in its decision.

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The Parties have filed written observations, having been invited to do so in accordance with Article 83 of the Rules of Court. Since objection has been made to Italy's application for permission to intervene, the Court will hear the State seeking to intervene and the Parties before deciding (Art. 84 of the Rules of Court).

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Since the Court did not include upon the Bench any judge of the nationality of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya or Malta, each had chosen a judge ad hoc in accordance with Article 31 of the Statute. The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya chose Mr. E. Jiménez de Aréchaga and Malta Mr. Castañeda. Both made the solemn declaration required by Article 20 of the Court's Statute at a public sitting on 14 October 1983 and will not have to repeat it on 25 January 1984.

NOTE FOR THE PRESS

1. The public sittings will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace. Members of the Press will be entitled to attend them on presentation of an admission card, which may be obtained upon application. The tables reserved for them are situated on the far left of the public entrance to the courtroom.

2. Photographs may be taken before the opening and during the first five minutes of the sitting. Filming for cinema or television purposes is however subject to special authorization.

3. In the Press Room, located on the ground floor of the Peace Palace (Room 5), the oral proceedings will be relayed through a loudspeaker.

4. Members of the Press may use only the four public telephones in the Post Office in the basement of the Palace.

5. Mr. C. Poux, First Secretary of the Court (telephone extension 233), or, in his absence, Mr. Noble (extension 248) will be available to deal with any requests for information by members of the Press.
