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Passage through the Great Belt
(Finland v. Denmark)

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

At the public sitting of today, Monday 1 July 1991, which marked the opening of hearings on the request for provisional measures, made by Finland in the case concerning Passage through the Great Belt (Finland v. Denmark), Messrs. Paul Henning Fischer and Bengt Broms, who have been chosen by Denmark and Finland respectively to sit as Judges ad hoc, made the solemn declaration required by the Statute and Rules of Court.

Biographies of Judge ad hoc Fischer, who is also sitting as Judge ad hoc in the case concerning Maritime Delimitation in the Area between Greenland and Jan Mayen and of Judge ad hoc Broms are annexed hereto.

Mr. Paul Henning Fischer

Judge ad hoc in the cases concerning
Passage through the Great Belt (Finland v. Denmark)
and
Maritime Delimitation in the Area between Greenland and Jan Mayen

Born on 24 March 1919

Bachelor of Laws (1943), Doctor of Laws, University of Copenhagen (1957).

Assistant Professor of Public International Law, University of Copenhagen (1948-1952).

Attaché of the Danish Legation, Stockholm (1944); Secretary and Head of Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Copenhagen (1946); Secretary of Legation, The Hague (1952); Head of Section, subsequently Head of Division and Deputy Under-Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1955); Ambassador to Warsaw, in addition accredited to Bucharest and Sofia (1960); Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (1961); Ambassador to Paris (1971); Ambassador to Bonn (1980-1989).

Alternate Representative, Danish delegation to the fourteenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations (1959); Alternate Representative, Danish delegation to the fifteenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations (1960).

Conciliator under the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (1981); Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (1982).

Publications: "European Coal and Steel Community, International Law Studies on International Co-operation" and several publications on legal and international subjects.

Decorations: Grand Cross of the Order of Dannebrog and several foreign Grand Crosses.

Mr. Bengt Henry Gabriel Arne Broms

Judge ad hoc in the case concerning
Passage through the Great Belt (Finland v. Denmark)

Born on 16 October 1929.

Nationality: Finnish

LL.B., L.L.M., LL.D, M. Pol. Sc. (Helsinki), Master of Laws (Michigan), Diploma in International Law (Cantab.), qualified Judge in Finland.

Professor of Constitutional and International Law (University of Turku (1962-1970)). Professor of International and Constitutional Law (University of Helsinki) since 1970.

Member of the High Court of Impeachment of the State of Finland (1985).

Member of the delegation of Finland to the plenary sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1967, 1972-1979, 1981-1988. Vice-Chairman of the Legal Committee (Sixth Committee) of the General Assembly (1974). Chairman or Vice-Chairman of legal ad hoc or Special Committees set up by the General Assembly of the United Nations sixteen times (1973-1988).

Member of the International Court of Arbitration set up by the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris (1985). Nominated by the Government of Finland to the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) panels of arbitrators and mediators since Finland joined the ICSID Convention. Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague since 1986. Judge and Chairman of Chamber I at the Iran-United States claims Tribunal in The Hague (1988).

Member of the Finnish Academy of Sciences.
Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.
Membre de l'Institut de droit international.
Member of the Academia Europaea.

Published 11 books and a large number of articles on international and constitutional law.