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**Case concerning the Application of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations**  
**(Paraguay v. United States of America)**

**Request for the indication of provisional measures**

**Court to give its decision on Thursday 9 April 1998**

THE HAGUE, 7 April 1998. On Thursday 9 April 1998, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) will give its decision on the request for the indication of provisional measures made by Paraguay in the case concerning the Application of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (Paraguay v. United States of America).

Further details will be given later on Thursday's public sitting, at which Vice-President Weeramantry, exercising the functions of the presidency in the case (the President being a national of the United States), will read the Court's Order.

Paraguay instituted proceedings against the United States before the Court on 3 April 1998 in a dispute concerning alleged violations of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963 with respect to the case of Mr. Angel Francisco Breard, a Paraguayan national convicted of murder in Virginia (United States) who is due to be put to death on 14 April 1998.

Paraguay maintains that Mr. Breard was arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to death without Virginia advising him of his right to assistance by the consular officers of Paraguay, as required by the Vienna Convention. In view of the urgency of the case, Paraguay has asked the Court to indicate, in an Order on provisional measures, that the United States should refrain from executing Mr. Breard before the Court could consider Paraguay's claims.

At a public hearing held today, both Paraguay and the United States presented their observations on the request for provisional measures.

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The verbatim record of today's hearing is available on the Website of the Court at the following address: <http://www.icj-cij.org>

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