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**Request for Interpretation of the Judgment of 15 June 1962
in the Case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear
(Cambodia v. Thailand)**

**Conclusion of the public hearings on Cambodia's Request for
the indication of provisional measures**

THE HAGUE, 31 May 2011. The public hearings on the Request for the indication of provisional measures submitted by the Kingdom of Cambodia to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the case concerning the Request for Interpretation of the Judgment of 15 June 1962 in the Case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear (Cambodia v. Thailand) (Cambodia v. Thailand) were concluded today at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court. The Court will now begin its deliberation.

On 28 April 2011, Cambodia submitted, by an Application filed in the Registry of the Court, a request for interpretation of the Judgment rendered by the Court on 15 June 1962 in the case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear (Cambodia v. Thailand). The Application was accompanied by an urgent Request for the indication of provisional measures (see Press Release No. 2011/14).

Two rounds of oral observations on this Request for the indication of provisional measures were held from Monday 30 to Tuesday 31 May 2011. During the hearings, the delegation of Cambodia was led by H.E. Mr. Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation, as Agent. The delegation of Thailand was led by H.E. Mr. Virachai Plasai, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as Agent.

The Court's decision will be delivered at a public sitting, the date of which will be announced in due course.

Submissions of the Parties

At the end of Cambodia's second round of oral observations on Tuesday 31 May 2011, H.E. Mr. Hor Namhong set forth the provisional measures requested by Cambodia as follows:

“Having regard to all the written and oral statements presented by Cambodia, and without prejudice to the Court's interpretation on the merits of the dispute,

Cambodia respectfully requests the Court to indicate the following provisional measures, pending the delivery of its Judgment:

- an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all Thai forces from those parts of Cambodian territory situated in the area of the Temple of Preah Vihear;
- a ban on all military activity by Thailand in the area of the Temple of Preah Vihear;
- that Thailand refrain from any act or action which could interfere with the rights of Cambodia or aggravate the dispute in the principal proceedings.”

At the end of Thailand’s second round of oral observations on the same day, H.E. Mr. Virachai Plasai concluded as follows on behalf of his Government:

“In accordance with Article 60 of the Rules of Court and having regard to the Request for the indication of provisional measures of the Kingdom of Cambodia and its oral pleadings, the Kingdom of Thailand respectfully requests the Court to remove the case introduced by the Kingdom of Cambodia on 28 April 2011 from the General List.”

The verbatim records of the hearings held on 30 and 31 May 2011 are available on the Court’s website (www.icj-cij.org).

Note: The Court’s press releases do not constitute official documents. This press release is a concise summary of the latest developments in the proceedings, for information purposes only.

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