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### Hearing to open on Monday 16 June 1986

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

Public sittings to hear the oral arguments of the Parties in the Frontier Dispute case between Burkina Faso and Mali will open at 10 a.m. on Monday 16 June 1986 in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace at The Hague.

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Burkina Faso and Mali have jointly submitted to a specially constituted Chamber of the International Court of Justice a dispute between them concerning the delimitation of part of their common land boundary. The proceedings were instituted on 14 October 1983 by means of a Special Agreement.

The Chamber was formed by an Order of the Court made on 3 April 1985. Its Members are Judge Mohamed Bedjaoui, President of the Chamber; Judges Manfred Lachs and José Maria Ruda; and Judges ad hoc François Luchaire and Georges Abi-Saab.

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Following serious incidents between the armed forces of Burkina Faso and Mali in the border region during the last days of 1985, the Chamber dealing with the case indicated interim measures of protection in an Order unanimously adopted on 10 January 1986. In conformity with this Order, the Chamber was subsequently informed of an agreement between the Heads of State of Burkina Faso and Mali to withdraw their respective forces on either side of the area in dispute.

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The oral proceedings which will open on 16 June 1986 have been preceded by the submission of two rounds of written pleadings. In the first round Burkina Faso and Mali filed Memorials on 3 October 1985; their Counter-Memorials, constituting the second round, were filed on 2 April 1986.

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The oral proceedings are expected to last approximately two weeks.

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NOTE FOR THE PRESS

1. The public sitting will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace. Members of the Press will be entitled to attend it after presentation of a press identification card or 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 few minutes of the sitting; also a few minutes towards the end. 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 Court's proceedings will be relayed through a loudspeaker.

4. Members of the Press may use only the 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.

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