



# INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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**New Member of the Court to make his solemn declaration**  
**Hearings in new cases submitted by Libya**

Further to Press Communiqué No. 92/2 dated 6 March 1992, the following information is communicated to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

On Thursday 26 March 1992, at 10 a.m. the Court will hold a public sitting for the purpose of enabling Judge Bola A. Ajibola (Nigeria), who was elected to be a Member of the Court by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations on 5 December 1991, to make the solemn declaration provided for in Article 20 of the Statute of the Court.

After a short break the hearings on the Libyan requests for the indication of provisional measures in the cases it brought against the United Kingdom and the United States will begin.

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Judge Ajibola has been elected to fill the vacancy left by the death on 14 August 1991 of Judge Taslim Olawale Elias (Nigeria). His term of office thus extends until 5 February 1994.

A biography of the new Member of the Court is annexed hereto.

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Following the election of Judge Ajibola, the composition of the Court is now as follows:

President:	Sir Robert Yewdall Jennings (United Kingdom)
Vice-President:	Shigeru Oda (Japan)
Judges:	Manfred Lachs (Poland)
	Roberto Ago (Italy)
	Stephen M. Schwebel (United States of America)
	Mohammed Bedjaoui (Algeria)
	Ni Zhengyu (China)
	Jens Evensen (Norway)
	Nikolaï K. Tarassov (USSR)
	Gilbert Guillaume (France)
	Mohamed Shahabuddeen (Guyana)
	Andrés Aguilar Mawdsley (Venezuela)
	Christopher G. Weeramantry (Sri Lanka)
	Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar)
	Bola A. Ajibola (Nigeria)

Judge Bola A. Ajibola

(Member of the Court as of 5 December 1991)

Born on 22 March 1934.

Called to the Bar, Lincoln's Inn, 1962 (Barrister-at-Law); Legal practitioner for 23 years, mostly in Lagos and also in all other parts of Nigeria; Principal Partner of Bola Ajibola & Co., with offices in Lagos, Ikeja, Abeokuta and Kaduna (Specialization: commercial law practice with particular bias for international arbitration).

President of the Nigerian Bar Association (1984-1985); Chairman of the Body of Benchers (1989-1990); Chairman of the Body of Senior Advocates of Nigeria (1986 to date); President of the Association of Arbitrators of Nigeria; Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee of the Bar; Chairman of the General Council of the Bar; Chairman of the Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy; Member of the Nigeria Police Council; Member of the Advisory Judicial Committee; Member of the Judicial Service Committee (Abuja); Chairman of the Task Force for the Revision of the Laws of the Federation (1990); Attorney-General and Minister of Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Member of the Nigerian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly (1986); Temporary President of the United Nations General Assembly at its seventeenth special session on narcotic drugs (1990); Member of the International Law Commission.

Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (The Hague); Member of the International Chamber of Commerce Court of Arbitration; Member of the International Maritime Arbitration Commission, Paris; Member of the Panel of International Arbitrators of the London Institute of Arbitrators; Member of the International Advisory Committee of the World Arbitration Institute, U.S.A.

Initiated the first ever African Law Ministers Conference, Abuja (1989) (attended by 32 African countries); Chairman of Meeting of ECOWAS Council of Law Ministers, Lagos, Nigeria (1990), where the Treaty Establishing the Court for the Economic Community of West African States was drafted, and agreed to by ECOWAS Law Ministers; Member, ECOWAS Steering Committee for the review of the ECOWAS Charter; Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Ethiopian All-Party Conference on Peaceful and Democratic Transition; Chairman of the First Meeting of the Working Committee, All-Africa Law Ministers Conference, Cairo (1991).

Vice-President of the International Contractual Relations Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce; Vice-President of the Institute of International Business Law and Practice, Paris; National Chairman of the World Peace Through Law Centre; Represented Africa in the demonstration trial on the law of the sea at the World Peace Through Law Conference (Manila, 1970); Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies; Friend of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London.

Member of the African Bar Association; the International Bar Association; the Association of World Lawyers; the International Chamber of Commerce; the Commonwealth Law Association; the World Arbitration Institute; and the Society for the Reform of Criminal Law.

Editor, Nigeria's Treaties in Force, 1970-1990; Editor, All Nigeria Law Reports, 1961-1990; Editor-in-chief, Justice (a monthly journal of contemporary legal problems); General Editor of the Federal Ministry of Justice Law Review Series (FMJLRS) (now in seven volumes).

Publications include:

Principles of Arbitration, 1980; New Concepts in the Resolution of Disputes in International Construction Contracts, 1981; Work Paper on International Commercial Arbitration, 1982; Arbitration and State Enterprises - Case Study of Nigerian Cement Transactions, 1983; Modernization of National Arbitration Laws in Aid of International Commercial Arbitration, 1984; The Law and Settlement of Commercial Disputes, 1984; Law Development and Administration in Nigeria, 1987; Towards a Better Administration of Justice System in Nigeria, 1988; Integration of the African Continent Through Law, 1988; Narcotics: Law and Policy in Nigeria, 1989; Compensation and Remedies for Victims of Crime, 1989; Banking Frauds and Other Financial Malpractices in Nigeria, 1989; Women and Children under Nigerian Law, 1990; Scheme relating to Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and the Control of Criminal Activities within Africa, 1990; Human Rights in Africa (awaiting publication in the Mélanges in Honour of Judge T.O. Elias).

1987 World Jurist Award (under the auspices of World Peace through Law at Seoul); Senior Advocate of Nigeria; Recipient of 1986 Ogun State of Nigeria Outstanding Citizen Merit Award; Life Member, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs; Life Member, Body of Benchers, Nigeria.