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**ANNÉE 2009**

**Installation de nouveaux membres de la Cour**

*Audience publique*

*tenue le lundi 2 mars 2009, à 10 heures, au Palais de la Paix,*

*sous la présidence de M. Owada, président*

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**COMPTE RENDU**

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**YEAR 2009**

**Installation of new Members of the Court**

*Public sitting*

*held on Monday 2 March 2009, at 10 a.m., at the Peace Palace,*

*President Owada presiding*

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**VERBATIM RECORD**

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*Présents* : M. Owada, président  
MM. Shi  
Koroma  
Al-Khasawneh  
Buergenthal  
Simma  
Abraham  
Keith  
Sepúlveda-Amor  
Bennouna  
Skotnikov  
Caçado Trindade  
Yusuf  
Greenwood, juges  
  
M. Couvreur, greffier

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*Present:* President Owada  
Judges Shi  
Koroma  
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Greenwood  
  
Registrar Couvreur

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The PRESIDENT: Please be seated. The sitting is open.

This morning, the Court will hold two sittings. The present sitting will be held in the regular composition of the Court and its purpose is for the three new Members of the Court to make their solemn declarations. After a short pause, the Court will hold a second sitting in its composition in the case concerning the *Dispute regarding Navigational and Related Rights (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua)* in order to begin hearing the oral arguments of the Parties in that case.

Vice-President Tomka has informed the Court that he will be unable to sit on the Bench in the present hearings.

With effect from 6 February 2009, Messrs. Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade, Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf and Christopher Greenwood became Members of the Court. At the same time, Judges Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh and Ronny Abraham were re-elected for a further term of office. We congratulate our new colleagues, as well as those who have been re-elected, and are very happy to have the benefit of their participation in the work of the Court.

Article 20 of the Statute of the Court provides that “[e]very Member of the Court shall, before taking up his duties, make a solemn declaration in open court that he will exercise his powers impartially and conscientiously”. As it is specified in Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court, that provision does not apply to Members of the Court whose term of office continues, following their re-election. I shall now say a few words about each of the new Members of the Court. I shall then invite them, in the order in which they take precedence by virtue of Article 3, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court, to make their declaration.

Judge Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade, of Brazilian nationality, obtained an LL.M. and a PhD in international law from the University of Cambridge and is a *diplômé* of the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg. He is a member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law and of the Institut de Droit International. He has enjoyed a distinguished academic career in the field of international law and human rights, holding a number of prestigious teaching posts, and has published extensively. He was Full Professor of Public International Law at the University of Brasilia and at the Diplomatic Academy Rio Branco. He has lectured at the Hague Academy of International Law and has also taught at the annual courses of

the Organization of American States Inter-American Committee and at the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg. In addition to his illustrious academic career, Judge Cançado Trindade has served as President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, as Executive Director of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights and as Legal Adviser to the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil. He has also acted as expert or representative of his country in various United Nations bodies, including the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf, of Somali nationality, holds a doctorate in political science, international law, from the Graduate Institute of International Studies of the University of Geneva, and a *laurea di Dottore in Giurisprudenza* from the Somali National University in Mogadishu. He is a member of the Institut de Droit International. Throughout his international law career, Judge Yusuf has combined academic positions with those of the practitioner advising governments and intergovernmental organizations. He has taught in a number of institutions around the world, in particular at the Faculties of Law of the Somali National University and of the University of Geneva, and at the International Development Law Institute in Rome. He is also the founding General Editor of the *African Yearbook of International Law* or *Annuaire Africain de droit international*.

Judge Yusuf has served as Legal Adviser to various intergovernmental organizations including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. He also held the position of Assistant Director-General at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and various senior positions at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. He represented Somalia at the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea as well as at a number of conferences of the Organization of African Unity. Judge Yusuf has recently served as judge *ad hoc* of this Court in the case concerning *Certain Questions of Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Djibouti v. France)*.

Judge Sir Christopher Greenwood, of the United Kingdom, holds an LL.B and an MA in international law from the University of Cambridge. In his wide-ranging and distinguished career

in the legal field, Judge Greenwood has worked both as an academic and as a practitioner. He was Lecturer in Law at the University of Cambridge and Professor of International Law at the London School of Economics, in addition to holding various visiting professorships. He has published widely on a range of international law issues. Judge Greenwood was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1999 and has acted as counsel before the English courts and before a number of international courts and tribunals, including the European Court of Human Rights, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the arbitration tribunals of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes and the United Nations Compensation Commission. He has acted as a member of one of the arbitration tribunals of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and has been a member of the Panel of Arbitrators under the Law of the Sea Convention. He has appeared on several occasions as counsel in cases before this Court.

I shall now invite each of these judges to make the solemn declaration prescribed by the Statute, and I request all those present to rise. Judge Cançado Trindade.

Juge CANÇADO TRINDADE:

«Je déclare solennellement que je remplirai mes devoirs et exercerai mes attributions de juge en tout honneur et dévouement, en pleine et parfaite impartialité et en toute conscience.»

The PRESIDENT: Thank you. Next, Judge Yusuf.

Juge YUSUF:

«Je déclare solennellement que je remplirai mes devoirs et exercerai mes attributions de juge en tout honneur et dévouement, en pleine et parfaite impartialité et en toute conscience.»

The PRESIDENT: Thank you. Judge Greenwood.

Judge GREENWOOD:

“I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as judge honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.”

The PRESIDENT: Thank you. Please be seated. The Court takes note of the solemn declarations made by Judges Cançado Trindade, Yusuf and Greenwood and I declare them duly installed as Members of the Court.

There will now be a very short break after which the oral proceedings will begin in the case concerning the *Dispute regarding Navigational and Related Rights (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua)*.

I declare the sitting closed.

*The Court rose at 10.10 a.m.*

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