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Jadhav Case (India v. Pakistan)

Conclusion of the public hearings on the request for the indication of provisional measures submitted by India

The Court to begin its deliberation

THE HAGUE, 15 May 2017. The public hearings on the request for the indication of provisional measures made by India in the Jadhav Case (India v. Pakistan) were concluded today. The Court will now begin its deliberation.

A single round of oral observations on the request took place on Monday 15 May 2017 at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court. During the hearings, the delegation of India was led by Dr. Deepak Mittal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, as Agent. The delegation of Pakistan was led by H.E. Mr. Moazzam Ahmad Khan, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the United Arab Emirates, and Dr. Mohammad Faisal, Director-General (South Asia & SAARC), as Agents. The Court's decision on the request for the indication of provisional measures will be delivered at a public sitting, the date of which will be announced in due course.

Requests of the Parties

At the end of their oral observations, the Agents of the Parties made the following statements:

For India:

“On behalf of the Republic of India, I request that pending final judgement in this case, the Court indicate:

- (a) that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan take all measures necessary to ensure that Mr. Kulbhushan Sudhir Jadhav is not executed;
- (b) that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan report to the Court the action it has taken in pursuance of sub-paragraph (a); and
- (c) that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan ensure that no action is taken that might prejudice the rights of the Republic of India or Mr. Kulbhushan Sudhir Jadhav with respect to any decision the Court may render on the merits of the case.”

For Pakistan:

The Agent of Pakistan asked the Court to reject India's request for the indication of provisional measures.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Releases Nos. 2017/16 and 2017/17, available on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org) under the heading "Press Room"/"Press Releases".

Multimedia

The **video** of these hearings is available on demand (VOD) on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org/multimedia), as well as on UN Web TV. Selected high-resolution video footage (cover shots) of the event are available for TV use on the Court's website. Still **photographs** of the hearings have been posted on the ICJ and UN Photo websites, as well as on the Court's Twitter feed (@CIJ_ICJ).

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Note: The Court's press releases do not constitute official documents. The complete verbatim records of the hearings held on 15 May 2017 will be published shortly on the website of the Court (www.icj-cij.org).

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and composed of Lebanese and international judges), or the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA, an independent institution which assists in the establishment of arbitral tribunals and facilitates their work, in accordance with the Hague Convention of 1899).

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