The following information from the Registry of the International Court of Justice has been communicated to the Press:

The Court has now decided that the Right of Passage Case (Portugal v. India), which became ready for hearing with the deposit by India of the last pleading in the written procedure, will not be heard before the judicial summer vacation, but thereafter.

This decision was reached after a request had been made by the Portuguese Government that it should be allowed a longer period for the preparation of the oral arguments, having regard to the exceptional length of the last Indian pleading and also to its special and complex character (documents filed in Marathi, etc.).

The Hague, February 27th, 1959.