



# INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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United States Diplomatic and Consular Staff in Tehran  
(United States of America v. Iran)

Court's decision on request for provisional measures  
to be made known at public sitting on 15 December

The following information is communicated to the press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

At the public hearing held by the Court on 10 December 1979 Mr. Benjamin R. Civiletti and Mr. Roberts B. Owen put forward arguments in support of the request for the indication of provisional measures which the United States had filed on 29 November.

Various questions were put to the Agent of the United States by the Court and by two of its Members on the conclusion of the hearing.

The Government of the United States was represented as follows:

Agent: The Honorable Roberts B. Owen, the Legal Adviser,  
Department of State;

Counsel: The Honorable Benjamin R. Civiletti, Attorney-General  
of the United States,

Mr. Stephen M. Schwebel, Deputy Legal Adviser;

Adviser: Mr. David H. Small, Assistant Legal Adviser for  
Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

The Government of Iran was not represented at the hearing.

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The Court's decision on the United States request for provisional measures will be rendered in the form of an Order which will be read out at a public sitting in the Peace Palace on 15 December 1979. The hour will be announced later.

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NOTE FOR THE PRESS

1. The public hearing will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace. Members of the Press will be entitled to attend it on presentation of 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. 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 oral 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. E. Noble (extension 248) will be available to deal with any requests for information by members of the Press.

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