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Continental Shelf (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Malta)
Solemn Declaration by two judges ad hoc

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

On Friday 14 October 1983 at 12.30 p.m. the Court will hold a public sitting at which Mr. Jiménez de Aréchaga and Mr. Castañeda will make the solemn declaration provided for in the Statute and Rules of Court as judges ad hoc chosen respectively by the Government of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Government of Malta in the case concerning the Continental Shelf (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Malta).

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On 26 July 1982 the Court was notified of a Special Agreement concluded between the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Malta by which the two States submitted to the Court a dispute concerning the delimitation of the continental shelf between them.

The written proceedings are at present in progress. The Parties filed the first round of pleadings - Memorials - on 26 April 1983 within a time-limit fixed for them by Order of 27 July 1982. The filing of the second round of pleadings - Counter-Memorials - is to take place by 26 October 1983, the time-limit fixed by an Order of 26 April 1983.

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Since neither of the States parties to the proceedings has a judge of its nationality on the bench, each of them is entitled, under Article 31 of the Statute, to choose a judge ad hoc to sit in the case as a judge along with the Members of the Court. In the present case the Government of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya has chosen Mr. Jiménez de Aréchaga, and the Government of Malta has chosen Mr. Castañeda as judge ad hoc. In that capacity, they will make the solemn declaration provided for in the Statute and the Rules.

Attached hereto are brief biographies of the two judges ad hoc.

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NOTE FOR THE PRESS

1. The public sitting 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, during the first few minutes of the sitting, and at the moment when each judge ad hoc makes his solemn declaration. 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 proceedings will be relayed through a loudspeaker.

4. Members of the Press may use the four 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. Noble (extension 248) will be available to deal with any requests for information by members of the Press.

Eduardo JIMENEZ DE ARECHAGA

Born at Montevideo on 8 June 1918.

Doctor of Law, University of Uruguay (1942).

Professor of International Law at the Montevideo Law School (1946-1969).

Member of the International Law Commission of the United Nations (1961-1969) and Chairman of its fifteenth session (1963). Delegate of Uruguay to the two sessions of the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties and Rapporteur of the Committee of the Whole (Vienna, 1968-1969).

Member of the International Court of Justice from 6 February 1970 to 5 February 1979; President of the Court from 1976 to 1979. Judge ad hoc in the case concerning the Continental Shelf (Tunisia/Libyan Arab Jamahiriya).

Member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law. Member of the Institute of International Law. Manley O. Hudson medallist of the American Society of International Law (1978).

Counsel for Spain in the Barcelona Traction, Light and Power Company, Limited case before the International Court of Justice (1966-1969).

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (1950-1952). Secretary of the National Council of Government (1952-1955). Minister of the Interior (1968).

Author of numerous works and articles.

Jorge CASTANEDA...

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Born in Mexico, 1 October 1921.

Professor of International Law at the National University of Mexico.

Member of the Mexican delegation to the United Nations (1951-1953); Director-General, International Organizations, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1959-1961 and 1965-1970); Ambassador to Egypt (1962-1965); Permanent Representative of Mexico to the international organization in Geneva (1971-1976); Head of the Mexican delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (1973-1982); Member (since 1967) and Chairman (1973) of the International Law Commission of the United Nations.

Secretary of State (1977). Minister of Foreign Affairs (1979-1982). Holds the title of Ambassador Emeritus. Ambassador to France since 1983.

Member of the Institute of International Law; Member of the Société française pour le droit international; Member of the International Law Association; Member of the Instituto Hispano-Luso-Americano de Derecho Internacional.

Author of various works in International Law.
