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Application for review of a Judgement of the  
United Nations Administrative Tribunal

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

The Court will hold a public sitting at 3 p.m. on Wednesday 27 May 1987 in the Peace Palace, for the purpose of delivering its Advisory Opinion in the case concerning the Application for Review of Judgement No. 333 of the United Nations administrative Tribunal.

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On 10 September 1984 the Court received a request for advisory opinion on an administrative issue from an organ of the United Nations General Assembly.

The organ in question is the Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements, which is authorized to ask the Court for advisory opinions by virtue of Article 96 of the United Nations Charter.

In accordance with the procedure laid down by Article 11 of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, the tribunal for the settlement of disputes between the United Nations Secretary-General and the staff members of the Organization concerning their conditions of employment, the Committee may be asked to request an advisory opinion of the Court in connection with judgement of the Tribunal if a member State, the United Nations Secretary-General, or the staff member in respect of whom the judgment was rendered, objects to the judgement. If the Committee considers that there is a substantial basis for the objection, it refers the matter to the Court. In the present case it was the staff member in question who submitted to the Committee an application for the review of Judgement No. 333, given by the Administrative Tribunal on 8 June 1984. The Committee decided that there was a substantial basis for the staff member's application and consequently requested the Court to give an advisory opinion in connection with this judgement.

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The case in question concerned a refusal by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to renew the appointment of a staff member of the Secretariat beyond the date of expiry of the official's fixed-term contract or to grant him a different type of appointment. The Administrative Tribunal rejected the staff member's appeal against the Secretary-General's refusal.

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When the Court gives its advisory opinion, the Secretary-General will either give effect to it or request the Administrative Tribunal to convene specially in order to confirm its original judgement or to give a new judgement in conformity with the opinion of the Court.

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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 after presentation of a press identification card or an admission card, which may be obtained upon application. The tables reserved for them are situated on the far left of the public entrance of the courtroom.

2. Photographs may be taken before the opening and during the first few minutes of the sitting; and also a few minutes towards the end. 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 reading of the Court's Judgement will be relayed through a loudspeaker.

4. After the close of the sitting, a Press communiqué summarizing the decision will be distributed in the Press Room (No. 5).

5. Members of the Press may use only the public telephones in the Post Office in the basement of the Palace.

6. Mr. C. Poux, First Secretary of the Court (telephone extension 233), will be available to deal with any requests for information by members of the press.

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