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Certain Phosphate Lands in Nauru
(Nauru v. Australia)

Hearing to open on Monday 11 November 1991

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

Public sittings to hear the oral arguments of the Parties in the case concerning Certain Phosphate Lands in Nauru (Nauru v. Australia) will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 11 November 1991 in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace at The Hague.

Following the filing by the Commonwealth of Australia, on 16 January 1991, of preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court and the admissibility of Nauru's Application the proceedings on the merits were, in accordance with Article 79 of the Rules of Court, suspended. On 17 July 1991, Nauru filed the written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections. The oral proceedings are thus confined to the issues of the jurisdiction of the Court and the admissibility of the Application.

NOTE FOR THE PRESS

1. The public sittings will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace. Members of the Press will be entitled to attend 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 of the courtroom.

2. Photographs may be taken before the opening, during the first five minutes of the sittings; and also for 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 oral proceedings will be relayed through a loudspeaker.

4. Members of the Press who wish to make phone calls may use only the public telephones in the Post Office in the basement of the Palace.

5. Mr. Witteveen, Secretary of the Court (telephone extension 233) or, in his absence, Mrs. El-Erian (telephone extension 234), will be available to deal with any requests for information by members of the Press.