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## Certain Phosphate Lands in Nauru (Nauru v. Australia)

### Progress and conclusion of public hearings

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

The hearings held by the Court on the issues of jurisdiction and admissibility in the case concerning Certain Phosphate Lands in Nauru (Nauru v. Australia), which began on 11 November 1991, were concluded today, 22 November 1991.

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During the first round of oral arguments, held between 11 and 19 November 1991, statements were made:

- on behalf of Australia, by Dr. Gavan Griffith, Agent of Australia; Mr. Henry Burmester, Co-Agent and Counsel; Professor Eduardo Jiménez de Aréchaga, Professor Derek W. Bowett and Professor Alain Pellet, Counsel;
- on behalf of Nauru, by Mr. V.S. Mani and Mr. Leo D. Keke, Co-Agents, Counsel and Advocates; His Excellency Hammer DeRoburt, Professor Ian Brownlie, Professor Barry Connell and Professor James Crawford, Counsel and Advocates.

Questions were put to both Parties by Judges Schwebel and Shahabuddeen.

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The second round of oral arguments took place on 21 and 22 November 1991. The speakers were:

- on behalf of Australia, Dr. Gavan Griffith, Agent of Australia; Professor Eduardo Jiménez de Aréchaga, Professor Derek W. Bowett and Professor Alain Pellet, Counsel;
- on behalf of Nauru, Mr. V.S. Mani and Mr. Leo D. Keke, Co-Agents, Counsel and Advocates; Professor Ian Brownlie and Professor James Crawford, Counsel and Advocates.

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Dr. Griffith, Agent of Australia and Mr. Keke, Co-Agent of Nauru, read the final submissions of their Governments.

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The oral arguments now being completed, the Court will begin to consider its Judgment.

The date of the public sitting at which the Judgment is to be read, will be announced in a Press Communiqué.

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