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Applicability of Article VI, Section 22, of the Convention
on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations

Hearings on 4 October 1989

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

The Court will hold public sittings opening at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 4 October 1989 for the purpose of hearing oral statements or comments in respect of the question submitted to it for advisory opinion, namely:

"the legal question of the applicability of Article VI, Section 22, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946, in the case of Mr. Dumitru Mazilu, as Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights".

As mentioned in Press Communiqué No. 89/9 of 26 June 1989, the President of the Court, by an order of 14 June, decided that the United Nations and the States which are Parties to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations were likely to be able to furnish information on the question (see Article 66, paragraph 2, of the Statute) and thus entitled to submit written or oral statements to the Court. Bearing in mind that the request was expressed to be made "on a priority basis", he fixed the time-limits in the case as follows:

- 31 July 1989 for the submission of written statements;
- 31 August 1989 for subsequent written comments on those statements.

Written statements were filed by Canada, the Federal Republic of Germany, Romania, the United States of America and the United Nations; written comments were filed by the United States of America.

These written statements and comments are not yet available to the Press and public; under Article 106 of the Rules of Court, the Court or the President may decide that they be made accessible to the public on or after the opening of the oral proceedings.

For the history of the request for advisory opinion, and the text of Article VI, Section 22, of the Convention, see Press Communiqué No. 89/8 of 26 May 1989.

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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 of the courtroom.

2. Photographs may be taken before the opening, during the first five minutes of the sitting; 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 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. 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.
