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New Zealand's Request for an Examination of the Situation
in accordance with Paragraph 63 of the Court's 1974 Judgment
in the case concerning Nuclear Tests (New Zealand v. France)

Application by Australia for permission to intervene

Today, 23 August 1995, the Government of Australia filed an Application for permission to intervene in the proceedings on New Zealand's Request for an Examination of the Situation in accordance with Paragraph 63 of the Court's 1974 Judgment in the case concerning *Nuclear Tests (New Zealand v. France)* (see Press Communique No. 95/22 of 21 August 1995). Australia's Application is based on Article 62, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Statute of the Court, which reads as follows:

"1. Should a State consider that it has an interest of a legal nature which may be affected by the decision in the case, it may submit a request to the Court to be permitted to intervene.

2. It shall be for the Court to decide upon this request."

The Government of Australia indicates in its Application that the purpose of its intervention is "to enable it to state its views on certain of the matters which already form part of New Zealand's claim, in order to protect or safeguard Australia's interests of a legal nature by ensuring that they are not 'affected' by a decision of the Court without Australia being heard". Australia's proposed intervention also refers to New Zealand's Further Request for the Indication of Provisional Measures.