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Case concerning the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations
(Paraguay v. United States of America)

Request for the indication of provisional measures

Court to give its decision on Thursday 9 April 1998 at 2 p.m.

THE HAGUE, 8 April 1998. On Thursday 9 April 1998 at 2 p.m., the International Court of Justice (ICJ) will give its decision on the request for the indication of provisional measures made by Paraguay in the case concerning the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (Paraguay v. United States of America).

Vice-President Weeramantry, exercising the functions of the presidency in the case (the President being a national of the United States), will read the Court's Order at a public sitting.

Paraguay instituted proceedings against the United States before the Court on 3 April 1998 in a dispute concerning alleged violations of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963 with respect to the case of Mr. Angel Francisco Breard, a Paraguayan national convicted of murder in Virginia (United States) who is due to be executed on 14 April 1998.

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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 in The Hague, the Netherlands. Mobile telephones and beepers are allowed in the courtroom **provided they are turned off or set on silent mode**. Any offending device will be temporarily retained.

2. 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.

3. Photographs may be taken for a few minutes at the opening and at the end of the sitting. Television crews may film, but advance notice should be given to the Information Office (see paragraph 8).

4. In the Press Room, located on the ground floor of the Peace Palace (Room 5), the reading of the Court's decision will be relayed through a loudspeaker.

5. At the end of the sitting, a press release and a summary of the Order will be distributed in the Press Room.

6. The press release, the summary and the full text of the Order will be simultaneously available on the Website of the Court (<http://www.icj-cij.org>).

7. Members of the Press who wish to make telephone calls may use the phone located in the Press Room for collect calls or the public telephones in the Post Office in the basement of the Peace Palace.

8. Mr. Arthur Witteveen, Secretary of the Court (tel: 31-70-302 2336), and Mrs. Laurence Blairon, Information Officer (tel: 31-70-302 2337), are available to deal with any requests for information and for making arrangements for television coverage.
