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Certain Property (Liechtenstein v. Germany)

Preliminary Objections

Conclusion of the public hearings; Court ready to begin its deliberation

THE HAGUE, 18 June 2004. The public hearings before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on the Preliminary Objections to jurisdiction and admissibility raised by Germany in the case concerning Certain Property (Liechtenstein v. Germany) were concluded on Friday 18 June 2004. The Court will now begin its deliberation.

At the hearings, which opened on Monday 14 June 2004 at the Peace Palace, seat of the Court, the delegation of Liechtenstein was led by H.E. Mr. Alexander Goepfert, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Düsseldorf, Special Commissioner of the Principality of Liechtenstein, as Agent. The delegation of Germany was led by Mr. Thomas Läufer, Director General for Legal Affairs and Legal Adviser, Federal Foreign Office, as Agent.

The Court's judgment on the Preliminary Objections will be delivered at a public sitting, the date of which will be announced in due course.

Final submissions of the Parties

At the conclusion of the oral proceedings the Parties presented the following final submissions to the Court:

For Germany:

“Germany requests the Court to adjudge and declare that:

— it lacks jurisdiction over the claims brought against Germany by the Principality of Liechtenstein, referred to it by the Application of Liechtenstein of 30 May 2001,

and that

— the claims brought against Germany by the Principality of Liechtenstein are inadmissible to the extent specified in its Preliminary Objections.”

For Liechtenstein:

“The Principality of Liechtenstein respectfully requests the Court:

(a) to adjudge and declare that the Court has jurisdiction over the claims presented in its Application and that they are admissible;

and, accordingly,

(b) to reject the Preliminary Objections of Germany in their entirety.”

History of the proceedings and full transcripts of the hearings

The history of the proceedings as well as the full transcripts of the hearings held from 14 to 18 June 2004 can be found on the Court’s website (www.icj-cij.org). Click on “Docket” and then on the hyperlink bearing the name of the case concerning Certain Property (Liechtenstein v. Germany).

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