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Avena and Other Mexican Nationals
(Mexico v. United States of America)

Programme of the hearings to be held from 15 to 19 December 2003

THE HAGUE, 9 December 2003. The programme of the public hearings which the International Court of Justice (ICJ) will hold in the case concerning Avena and Other Mexican Nationals (Mexico v. United States of America) is as follows:

First round of oral argument

— Mexico

Monday 15 December 2003 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

— United States of America

Tuesday 16 December 2003 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Second round of oral argument

— Mexico

Thursday 18 December 2003 from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m.

— United States of America

Friday 19 December 2003 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

History of the proceedings

For the history of the proceedings, please refer to Press Release No. 2003/25 on the website of the Court (www.icj-cij.org). Click on "Docket" and then on the hyperlink for the case concerning Avena and Other Mexican Nationals (Mexico v. United States of America).

NOTE TO THE PRESS

1. The public hearings will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace in The Hague, 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 may attend on presentation of a press card. The tables reserved for them are situated to the far left of the public entrance to the courtroom.

3. Photographs and TV shots may be taken for a few minutes at the opening of each sitting. The proceedings will be displayed live on a large TV screen in the Press Room, located on the ground floor of the Peace Palace (Room 5). **In the Press Room, it will be possible for TV crews to connect recording equipment directly to the Court's new video system**, but advance notice of this should be given to the Information Department. There is also a facility for the connection of sound-only equipment to the Court's audio system during the proceedings.

4. Telephone calls may be made from the phone located in the Press Room (collect calls only) or from the public payphones in the Post Office in the basement of the Peace Palace.

5. Verbatim records of the hearings will be published daily on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org), with translations to follow as soon as practicable thereafter.

6. Mr. Arthur Witteveen, First Secretary of the Court (tel: +31-70-302 2336), as well as Mrs. Laurence Blairon and Mr. Boris Heim, Information Officers, are available to deal with any requests from the Press (tel: +31-70-302 2337; e-mail address: information@icj-cij.org).
