



# INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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### Aegean Sea Continental Shelf

### Closure of Oral Proceedings

The following information is made available to the press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

At public sittings on 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17 October 1978 the Court heard oral argument on the question of its jurisdiction in the Aegean Sea Continental Shelf case (Greece v. Turkey), presented on behalf of the Government of Greece by Ambassador Konstantopoulos, as Agent of Greece, Mr. Economides, as Agent, advocate and counsel, and Mr. Evrigenis and Professors O'Connell, De Visscher, Weil and Pinto, as advocates and counsel.

During these hearings, questions were put by the President, both on the Court's and on his own behalf, and by Judges Gros, Dillard, Sir Humphrey Waldock and Mosler. The Court also requested further explanations with regard to one of the documents deposited by Greece.

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The Government of Greece was represented as follows:

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| <u>Agent:</u>                           | H.E. Mr. Sotirios Konstantopoulos,<br>Ambassador of Greece at The Hague;   |
| <u>Agent, advocate<br/>and counsel:</u> | Mr. Constantin Economides, Legal Adviser<br>and Head of the Legal Department of the<br>Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs;          |
| <u>Advocates and counsel:</u>           | Mr. D.P. O'Connell, Q.C.,<br>Member of the English Bar, Chichele<br>Professor of International Law in the<br>University of Oxford; |
|   | Mr. Roger Pinto, Professor in the<br>Faculty of Law and Economics,<br>University of Paris;   |
|   | Mr. Paul de Visscher, Professor in the<br>Faculty of Law, University of Louvain;   |

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Mr. Prosper Weil ....

Advocates and counsel (continued)

Mr. Prosper Weil, Professor in the  
Faculty of Law and Economics,  
University of Paris;

Mr. Dimitrios Evrigenis, Dean of the  
Faculty of Law and Economics,  
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Counsel:

H.E. Mr. Constantin Stavropoulos,  
Ambassador;

Advocate and counsel:

Mr. Emmanuel Roucouas, Professor  
in the Faculty of Law, University  
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Expert adviser:

Mr. Christos Macheritsas, Special  
Counsellor, Legal Department of  
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The Turkish Government was not represented at the hearings.

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The Court will now proceed to its deliberation. As this deliberation is secret (Statute, Art. 54, para. 3), no further information on the case will be given, whether orally or in writing, until a press communiqué is issued to announce the date of the public sitting at which the Judgment will be delivered.

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