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Continental Shelf (Tunisia/Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)  
(Request by Malta for permission to intervene)  
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 held on 19, 20, 21 and 23 March 1981 the Court heard oral argument in the Continental Shelf case between Tunisia and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on the application submitted by the Government of Malta for permission to intervene in the case under Article 62 of the Statute. Representatives of Malta, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Tunisia addressed the Court.

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The persons named below addressed the Court:

For Malta: Dr. Edgar Mizzi, Agent and Counsel; Mr. Elihu Lauterpacht, Mr. Pierre Lalive and Mr. Maurice Bathurst, Counsel;

For the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya: H.E. Mr. Kamel H. El Maghar, Agent; Sir Francis Vallat, Mr. Keith Hight and Mr. Antonio Malintoppi, Counsel;

For Tunisia: H.E. Mr. Slim Benghazi, Agent; Mr. Robert Jennings, Counsel and Mr. Sadok Belaïd, Co-Agent and Counsel.

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The Government of Malta was represented as follows:

Agent and Counsel: Dr. Edgar Mizzi, Attorney-General of Malta;

Co-Agent: H.E. Mr. Emanuel Bezzina, Ambassador of Malta to the Netherlands;

Consultant and Co-ordinator: Sir Gerald Fitzmaurice, G.C.M.B., Q.C.;

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Counsels...

Counsels: Professor Pierre Lalive, Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Geneva, and at the Graduate Institute of International Studies. Member of the Geneva Bar.

Mr. Maurice E. Rathurst, C.M.G., C.B.E., Q.C.;

Mr. Elihu Lauterpacht, Q.C.;

and by: Mr. M.C. Tynan, Solicitor (Bischoff and Co.).

The Government of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya was represented as follows:

Agent: H.E. Mr. Karel H. El Maghur, Ambassador;

Counsel: Dr. Abdelrazeg El-Murtadi Suleiman, Professor of International Law at the University of Garyounis;

Counsels and Advocates: Sir Francis A. Vallat, K.C.M.G., Q.C.;

Professor Antonio Malintoppi, Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Rome;

Mr. Keith Hight, Member of the District of Columbia and New York Bars;

Counsels: Mr. Walter D. Sohler  
Mr. Rodman R. Sundry  
Mr. Richard Meese  
Mr. Michel Vodé.

The Government of Tunisia was represented as follows:

Agent: H.E. Mr. Slim Benghazi, Ambassador of Tunisia to the Netherlands;

Co-Agent and Counsel: Professor Sadok Belaïd, Professeur agrégé, in the Faculty of Law, Political Science and Economics, at the University of Tunis;

Counsel: Professor R.Y. Jennings, Q.C., Whewell Professor of International Law, at the University of Cambridge;

assisted by: Mr. J.P. Carver, Solicitor (Coward Chance);  
Mr. Abdelwahab Chérif, Counsellor at the Tunisian Embassy to the Netherlands;

Mr. Samir Chaffai, Secretary at the Tunisian Embassy to the Netherlands.

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The Agents have been requested by the Court to remain at the disposal of the Court for any information which it may wish to have. The Court will now sit in private to deliberate. It will give its decision in due course and the press will be informed.