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### Case concerning East Timor (Portugal v. Australia)

#### Progress and conclusion of public hearing

The following information is communicated to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

The public hearings held by the Court in the case concerning East Timor (Portugal v. Australia), which opened on 30 January 1995, were concluded on 16 February 1995.

At the opening of the hearings Judges ad hoc Krzysztof Skubiszewski and Sir Ninian Stephen, chosen by Portugal and Australia respectively, made the solemn declaration provided for in Article 20 of the Statute of the Court.

On 1 February 1995, Judge Vladlen S. Vereshchetin (Russian Federation), who had been elected by the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council on 26 January 1995, to fill the vacancy caused by the death on 20 September 1994 of Judge Nikolai K. Tarassov (Russian Federation), also made the solemn declaration.

During the first round of oral arguments, held between 30 January and 10 February 1995, statements were made:

- on behalf of Portugal, by H.E. Mr. António Cascais, Agent of Portugal; by Mr. José Manuel Servulo Correia and Mr. Miguel Galvão Teles, Co-Agents, counsel and advocates; and by Mr. Pierre-Marie Dupuy and Mrs. Rosalyn Higgins, counsel and advocates;
- on behalf of Australia, by Mr. Gavan Griffith, Agent and counsel of Australia; by H. E. Mr. Michael Tate and Mr. Henry Burmester, Co-Agents and counsel; and by Mr. Derek W. Bowett, Mr. James Crawford, Mr. Alain Pellet and Mr. Christopher Staker, counsel.

The second round of oral arguments took place on 13 and 16 February 1995. The speakers were:

- on behalf of Portugal, H. E. Mr. António Cascais, Agent of Portugal; Mr. José Manuel Servulo Correia and Mr. Miguel Galvão Teles, Co-Agents, counsel and advocates; and Mr. Pierre-Marie Dupuy and Mrs. Rosalyn Higgins, counsel and advocates;
- on behalf of Australia, Mr. Gavan Griffith, Agent and counsel of Australia; Mr. Henry Burmester, Co-Agent and counsel; and Mr. Derek W. Bowett, Mr. James Crawford and Mr. Alain Pellet, counsel.

The Agents of Portugal and Australia read the final submissions of their Governments.

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The oral arguments now being completed, the Court will begin to consider its Judgment.

The date of the public sitting at which the Judgment is to be read will be announced in a Press Communiqué.

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