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INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICETriennial Elections of five Members of
the International Court of Justice

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

The Court has been informed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations that on Wednesday 11 November 1987 the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council have re-elected Judges Ago (Italy), Schwebel (USA), Bedjaoui (Algeria) and Tarassov (USSR) as Members of the Court.

On that same date, Mr. M. Shahabuddeen (Guyana) has been elected to be a Member of the Court as from 6 February 1988

A short biography of the new Member of the Court is annexed hereto.

Elections are governed by the provisions of Articles 4 to 12 of the Statute of the Court.

* [This is the text of the unofficial Communique No. 87/29 of 13 November 1987, provided by the Registry of the International Court of Justice.]

Annex to Communiqué No. 87/29Biography

Mohamed SHAHABUDEEN, born on 7 October 1931.

Bar Finals of the London Inns of Court, May 1952. LL.B. (London), 1953. Called to the Bar (Middle Temple, London), February 1954. LL.M. (London), 1958. B.Sc. (honours) in economics (London), 1959 (Part I completed in 1957). United States Leader Course, 1964. Q.C., March 1966, (S.C. as from February 1970). The Hague Academy of International Law, 1969 session. Ph.D. (London), 1970. LL.D. (London), 1986.

Private practice, 1954-1959. Public legal service, since 1959. Civil and criminal work in all Guyana courts, including the Privy Council. Adviser on all aspects of government business, including matters involving international law. Magistrate, 1959. Crown Counsel, 1959-1962. Solicitor General, 1962-1973 (with the rank of Justice of Appeal as from 1971). Attorney general, since 1973 (ranking immediately after the Head of the Judiciary). Minister of Justice since 1978. Acting Foreign Minister, from time to time since April 1980. Vice-President, since 1983. Deputy Prime Minister, 1984-1985. First Deputy Prime Minister, since August 1985.

Deputy-Chief Legal Adviser to the Government of Guyana on all major international questions, 1962-1973. Chief Legal Adviser to the Government of Guyana on all major international questions, since 1973. Member of numerous Guyana delegations on bilateral missions to other countries, since 1962. Member of the Guyana delegation to the Guyana/Netherlands/Suriname Conference, London, 1966. Member of the Guyana/Venezuela Mixed Commission, 1966-1970. Member of the Guyana/Suriname Mixed Commission, 1970-1975. Head of the Guyana delegation that negotiated the Protocol of Port-of-Spain with Venezuela, 1970. Head of the Guyana fisheries rights delegation to Brazil, 1971.

United Nations General Assembly (1972). United Nations Conference on Succession of States in respect of Treaties, Vienna (delegation leader) (1977). Commonwealth Heads of Government Summits at Lusaka (1979), Melbourne (1981), New Delhi (1983) and Nassau (1985). Cancun North/South Summit (1981). General Assembly of the Organization of American States (delegation leader), Saint Lucia, December 1981. Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, Georgetown (1972) and New Delhi (1981). Meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries (delegation leader), Algiers (1981). Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, New Delhi (1983). Commonwealth Caribbean summit conferences at Ocho Rios (1982), Port-of-Spain (1983), Nassau (1984) and

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Georgetown (1986). Commonwealth Law Ministers meetings (delegation leader) at Lagos (1975), Barbados (1980), Sri Lanka (1983) and Harare (1986). Commonwealth Law Conference (delegation leader), Hong Kong (1983).

Member of the Board of Governors of the University of Guyana, 1963-1965. Member of the Council of Legal Education of the Commonwealth Caribbean, since 1973. Member of the Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel. Member of the Guyana Bar Association.

Order of Roraima (O.R.) (Guyana's second highest award) (1980). Cacique's Crown of Honour (C.C.H.) (Guyana's third highest award) (1970).

Author of numerous works and articles.

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INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICEElettronica Sicola S.p.A. (ELSI)Inaugural Public Sitting of the Chamber

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

On Tuesday 17 November 1987 the inaugural public sitting of the Chamber of the Court in the case concerning Elettronica Sicola S.p.A. (ELSI) was held.

Speeches were made by President Nagendra Singh who, pursuant to Article 18, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Court, is the President of the Chamber, as well as by the Deputy-Agent of the United States, Mr. T. Ramish and the Agent of Italy, Mr. L. Ferrari Bravo.

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By an Order of the same date the Chamber of the Court fixed 18 March 1988 as the time-limit for the filing of a Reply by the United States and 18 July 1988 for the filing of a Rejoinder by Italy.

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On Monday 16 November 1987, within the time-limit fixed by the Court in an Order of 2 March 1987, the Agent of Italy had filed the Counter-Memorial.

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INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Judge José Maria Ruda elected President of the
International Court of Justice

Judge Kéba Mbaye re-elected Vice-President

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

Today, 24 February 1988, the International Court of Justice elected Judge José Maria Ruda (Argentina) to be its President and re-elected Judge Kéba Mbaye (Senegal) to be its Vice- President.

Their terms of office as President and Vice-President will come to an end in 1991. Their membership of the Court is also due to expire in 1991.

Biographies of the new President and Vice-President are attached to this communiqué.

It will be recalled that Judge Kéba Mbaye was elected Vice-President on 6 May 1987 to fill the vacancy caused by the death, on 10 March 1987, of Judge Guy Ladreit de Lacharriere (France).

* [This is the text of Communique No. 88/2 of 24 February 1988 from the Registry of the International Court of Justice.]

Annex 1 to Press Communiqué No. 88/2

Judge José Maria RUDA

(Member of the Court since 6 February 1973; re-elected
as from 6 February 1982)

Born at Buenos Aires on 9 August 1924.

Doctor of Laws. Lawyer, Faculty of Law and Social Sciences,
University of Buenos Aires (1949). Master of Law (in
International Law), New York University (1955).

Member of the Institute of International Law; Member of the
International Law Association; Member of the Inter-American
Institute of International Juridical Studies; Member of the
Hispano-Luso-American Institute of International Law; Member
of the International Institute of Space Law; Member of the
Permanent Court of Arbitration.

Member of the Chamber formed by the Court to deal with the
case concerning the "Frontier Dispute (Burkina Faso/Republic
of Mali)".

Professor of Public International Law at the Faculty of Law
and Social Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires
Former Professor of Public International Law at the National
Defence College. Visiting Professor at the Colegio de
México: course on Argentine foreign policy in the twentieth
century (August 1963). Lectures on reservations to treaties
at the Hague Academy of International Law (1975).

Officer, Division of Codification of International Law of
the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations
Secretariat (1950-1955). Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee
of the United Nations General Assembly at the seventeenth
session of the United Nations General Assembly (1962);
Chairman of the Committee at the eighteenth session (1963).
Member of the International Law Commission of the United
Nations (1964-1972); Chairman of the Commission (1968),
observer for the Commission at the meeting of the
Inter-American Juridical Committee (Rio de Janeiro, 1968);
member of the Drafting Committee (1965, 1966, 1967 and
1970).

Counsellor, first class, at the Argentine Embassy in La Paz,
Bolivia (1957-1959). Chef de Cabinet to the Minister for
Foreign Affairs and Worship (1959-1961). Legal Counsel
(1961-1965). Permanent Representative to the United Nations
(1965-1970). Agent for the Argentine Republic before the
arbitration tribunal in the "Rio Encuentro" case (London,
1965-1968). Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.
Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Worship (1970-1973).

Representative at the 1959-1969 sessions of the United Nations General Assembly and Chairman of the Argentine delegation (1966-1969); delegate to the Eighth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Punta del Este, 1962); representative at the United Nations Conference on Consular Relations and member of the Drafting Committee of the Convention on Consular Relations (Vienna, 1963); Chairman of the Argentine delegation to the Mixed Argentine-Bolivian Commission (1963); delegate to the Commission on River Traffic with Paraguay (1964); Chairman of the Argentine delegation to the Mixed Argentine-Uruguayan Commission on a comprehensive survey of the River Plate (1964-1966); delegate to the first extraordinary conference (Washington, 1964); representative in the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States (New York, 1966 and 1968); representative at the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties (Vienna, 1968); representative in the United Nations "Ad Hoc" Committee on the Sea-Bed, Rio de Janeiro (1968) and in the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor Beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction (1969-1970).

Author of numerous works and articles on public international law.

Annex 2 to Press Communiqué 88/2

Judge Kéba MBAYE

(Member of the Court since 6 February 1982;
Vice-President since 6 May 1987)

Born on 5 August 1924 at Kaolack, Senegal.

Holder of the diploma of advanced studies in private law (Paris); holder of the certificate of the Ecole Nationale de la France d'Outre-mer (Magistrature Department).

Acting Deputy-Judge (1954-1958); Deputy to the Procureur de la République, St. Louis, Senegal (1958-1960).

Member of the Supreme Court of Senegal (1960) and its First President (1964-1982).

Honorary First President of the Supreme Court.

Lectured at the Faculty of Law of the University of Dakar and at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration of Senegal (1967-1978).

Former Chairman of the Commission on the Codification of the Law of Civil and Commercial Liabilities.

Doctor "honoris causa" of the University of Lille II (France) and Bhopal (India).

Has been a member of various United Nations bodies and has in particular participated as member and chairman in the work of the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any dispute between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education, the Special Committee to investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories and of the "Ad Hoc" Working Group of Experts to investigate violations of human rights in southern Africa; member of the ILO Committee of Experts.

Corresponding member of the Académie Royale des Sciences d'Outre-Mer de Belgique; Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law and of the Institute of International Law; Member of the International Law Association.

Former president and member of the International Committee on Comparative Law, of the International African Law Association, of the International Committee for Information and Documentation in the Social Sciences; Member of the Governing Board of the European Foundation for Human Rights; Member of the International Institute of Procedural Law; Vice-President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law; Member of the Administrative Council of the International Penal Law Association, of the

International Criminology Association and of the Société de législation comparée; Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Institute of Human Rights (René Cassin Foundation); former Chairman of the International Commission of Jurists; Honorary President of the World Federation of United Nations Associations; President of the International Academy of Human Rights; Member of the Société française pour le droit international.

Was President of the Legal Sub-Commission of the OAU Commission of mediation in the border dispute between Upper Volta and Mali and a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration; was general rapporteur at the OAU Conference which adopted the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, and a member of the Arbitration Tribunal in the delimitation of the maritime boundary between Guinea and Guinea-Bissau (1983-1985).

Author of numerous publications concerning, in particular, the law of Senegal, the law of black Africa, human rights in general, and in particular the right to development.