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Judge Sir Robert Yewdall Jennings is elected President  
of the International Court of Justice

Judge Shigeru Oda is elected Vice-President

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

Today, 7 February 1991, the International Court of Justice elected Judge Sir Robert Yewdall Jennings to be its President and Judge Shigeru Oda to be its Vice-President.

Their terms of office as President and Vice-President will come to an end in 1994. Their membership of the Court is due to expire in 2000 and 1994 respectively.

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

The composition of the Court is now as follows:

President	Sir Robert Yewdall Jennings (United Kingdom)
Vice-President	Shigeru Oda (Japan)
Judges	Manfred Lachs (Poland)
	Taslim Olawale Elias (Nigeria)
	Roberto Ago (Italy)
	Stephen M. Schwebel (United States of America)
	Mohammed Bedjaoui (Algeria)
	Ni Zhengyu (China)
	Jens Evensen (Norway)
	Nikolai K. Tarassov (USSR)
	Gilbert Guillaume (France)
	Mohamed Shahabuddeen (Guyana)
	Andrés Aguilar Mawdsley (Venezuela)
	Christopher G. Weeramantry (Sri Lanka)
	Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar)

Judge Sir Robert Yewdall JENNINGS

(Member of the Court since 6 February 1982)

Born on 19 October 1913.

Studied at Cambridge University, obtaining the degrees of M.A. and LL.B., and subsequently at Harvard University (Choate Fellow, 1936-1937). Honorary Doctor of Law, Universities of Hull (1987) and of Saarland (1988).

Assistant Lecturer in Law, London School of Economics (1938-1939). Lecturer (1946-1955) and subsequently Whewell Professor of International Law in the University of Cambridge (1955-1982). Reader in International Law to the Inns of Court Council of Legal Education (1959-1970).

Fellow (since 1939), Senior Tutor (1949-1955) and sometime President of Jesus College, Cambridge.

Called to the Bar of Lincoln's Inn (1943); Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn (since 1970); Queen's Counsel (since 1969).

Counsel in the *Rio Encuentro*, *Beagle Channel*, *Franco-British Continental Shelf Delimitation* and *Dubai-Sharjah Frontier Delimitation* arbitrations; appeared as Counsel before the Court in the *Continental Shelf (Tunisia/Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)* case.

Sometime legal consultant to a number of Governments (Argentina, Bangladesh, Brunei, Canada, Sudan, Venezuela, Sharjah, etc.).

Judge *ad hoc*, European Court of Human Rights, in *X v. United Kingdom* (1982).

Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (since 1982).

Public International Law Editor of the *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* (1957-1959). Editor of the *British Year Book of International Law* (1959), first with Sir Humphrey Waldock, and then as senior editor from 1974 to 1982.

Associate (1957), Member (1967), Vice-President (1979), President (1981) and Honorary Member (1985) of the Institute of International Law. Honorary Life Member of the American Society of International Law.

Gave the general course on principles of international law at the Hague Academy of International Law (1967).

Author of various books, articles and monographs.

Judge Shigeru ODA

(Member of the Court since 6 February 1976; re-elected  
as from 6 February 1985)

Born on 22 October 1924.

Law degree, University of Tokyo (1947). Doctor of Law (JSD), Yale University (1953). Doctor of Law, University of Tôhoku (1962). Doctor *honoris causa* of the Bhopal University, India (1980), and of the New York Law School (1981).

Research Fellow in international law, University of Tokyo (1947-1949). Lecturer (1950-1953), Assistant Professor (1953-1959) and Professor (1959-1976) at the University of Tôhoku. Professor Emeritus (1985). Technical Adviser to the Atomic Energy Commission (1961-1964) and to the Council for Marine Science and Technology in the Prime Minister's Office (1968-1971). Special Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs (1973-1976). Member of the Science Council of the Ministry of Education (1969-1976), of the Council for Ocean Development in the Prime Minister's Office (1971-1976), and of the Advisory Committee for Co-operation with the United Nations University (1971-1976).

Delegate to the United Nations Conferences on the Law of the Sea (1958, 1960 and 1973-1975); member of the United Nations Group of Experts on Marine Science and Technology (1967-1968); Alternate Representative of Japan on the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Seabed and Ocean Floor (1968-1973); Legal Consultant to the ESCAP Committee for Co-ordination of Joint Prospecting for Mineral Resources in Asian Offshore Areas (1969, 1972 and 1975). Member of the panel of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the Legal Implications of the Disposal of Radio-active Waste into the Sea (1961-1963) and of the Agency's group of experts for the Study of the Character and Purpose of Appropriate Observation of Peaceful Nuclear Explosions (1970). Representative of Japan at the sixth General Conference of the Inter-Governmental Oceanographic Commission (1969); Chairman of the Working Group on Legal Questions related to Scientific Investigations of the Ocean (1968-1975). Alternate Member of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (1971-1975).

Counsel for the Federal Republic of Germany before the International Court of Justice in the *North Sea Continental Shelf (Federal Republic of Germany/Denmark; Federal Republic of Germany/Netherlands)* cases (1968).

Member of the Executive Councils of the Japanese Society of International Law and of the Japanese branch of the International Law Association. Associate (1969) and Member (1979) of the Institute of International Law. Honorary Member of the American Society of International Law (1975).

Editor-in-chief of the *Japanese Annual of International Law* (1973-1977). Lecturer on the "International Law of the Resources of the Sea" at the Hague Academy of International Law (*Recueil des cours*, 1969).

Publications: in English – *International Control of Sea Resources*, reprinted edition with a new introduction, 1989; *The International Law of the Ocean Development* (4 vols.), 1972-1979; *The Law of the Sea in Our Time* (2 vols.), 1977; *International Law of the Resources of the Sea*, reprinted edition with supplement (1979); *The Practice of Japan in International Law 1961-1970* (edited with H. Owada), 1982; in Japanese – *International Law of the Sea* (1956, revised ed. 1969); *International Law of Marine Resources* (3 vols.), 1971-1975; *Judicial Decisions of the Japanese Courts involving International Law* (edited with T. Sogawa), 1978; *The Law of the Sea*, Vol. I, 1979; *The Law of the Sea: 25 Years of Recollections*, 1981; *Treaties and Conventions* (edited with Y. Ishimoto), 1983; *Commentary on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*, Vol. I, 1985; *The International Court of Justice*, 1987; *A Collection of Essays on the Law of the Sea*, 1989; and various articles on international law in English and in Japanese.

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