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Communiqué No. 59/40 (Unofficial)

The following information from the Registry of the International Court of Justice is communicated to the Press.

Today, 21 September 1959, at 4 p.m. the International Court of Justice began its hearings on the case concerning the Right of Passage over Indian Territory (Portugal v. India).

M. José de Barros Ferreira da Fonseca, Agent for the Portuguese Government, begged the Court to hear Professor Telles, Director of the Faculty of Law of Lisbon, state the case for his Government.

Professor Telles then opened the Portuguese case which will be continued at the hearing on Tuesday, 22 September, at 10.30 a.m.

The Hague, 21 September 1959.

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Note for representatives of the Press with regard to

communiqués issued during the hearings in the case

concerning Right of Passage over Indian Territory

(second phase)

Since representatives of the Press can be present at each sitting and obtain at the end of each day the verbatim record of the day's proceedings, the Registry does not propose to publish during the hearing, the customary communiqués which merely indicate the names of the speakers and the date of the next hearing. However, an exception will be made whenever the next hearing is fixed for a date other than the following day.

This new procedure will be applied on a trial basis as from 22 September 1959.