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Continental Shelf (Tunisia/Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

Progress of the hearing

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

The first round of the oral proceedings in the case concerning the Continental Shelf between Tunisia and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya has now ended.

Between 29 September and 9 October 1981 the Court heard oral arguments presented on behalf of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. Questions were put by Judges Gros, Mosler, Oda and Schwebel to one or both Parties. Between 16 and 25 September, the Court had heard oral arguments presented on behalf of Tunisia.

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The hearing will be resumed at 3 p.m. Tuesday 13 October with a second round in which argument will be again presented on behalf of Tunisia and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, in that order.

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The following addressed the Court on behalf of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya between 29 September and 9 October during the first round of the hearing:

H.E. Mr. Kamel H. El Maghur, agent;

Sir Francis Vallat, Mr. Antonio Malintoppi, Mr. Claude-Albert Colliard, Mr. Derek W. Bowett, Mr. Herbert W. Briggs and Mr. Keith Highet, counsel and advocates;

Mr. Claudio Vita-Finzi, expert;

Mr. Omar Hammuda, adviser;

Mr. Frank H. Fabricius, expert, was questioned by Mr. Derek W. Bowett on behalf of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya then by Mr. Michel Virally on behalf of Tunisia.