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Continental Shelf (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Malta):

First stage of the oral proceedings

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

Between 26 November 1984, the date of the opening of oral proceedings in the case concerning the Continental Shelf (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Malta), and 3 December 1984, the Court heard the arguments put forward on behalf of the Governement of Malta, which, as agreed between the Parties and approved by the Court, put its case first.

At the beginning of the hearing held on 26 November 1984, Mr. N. Valticos, the Judge ad hoc chosen by Malta to take part in the case, made the solemn declaration required by Article 20 of the Statute of the Court. His biography appears in Press Communiqué No. 84/37.

The following took part in this oral presentation of Malta's case: His Excellency Mr. E. Mizzi, Agent of Malta; Mr. E. Lauterpacht, Mr. P. Weil and Mr. I Brownlie, Counsel.

The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is to begin the oral presentation of its case on Thursday 6 December 1984 at 10 a.m.

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A list of those who appeared for the respective Parties before the Court is given below:

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The Government of Malta is represented as follows:

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The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is represented as follows:

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