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The following information from the Registry of the International Court of Justice has been communicated to the Press:

To-day, September 26th, the two first public hearings were held by the International Court of Justice in the Colombian Peruvian Asylum Case.

After the President, M. Basdevant had opened this morning's sitting, the Court proceeded to install the two Judges ad hoc designated by Peru and Colombia, M. Alayza y Paz Soldan and Caicedo Castilla respectively, who made the solemn declaration provided for in the Statute of the Court.

Then Professor Yepes, Agent for the Government of Colombia, before beginning to present his country's case, stressed the importance of the present case in the history of international jurisdiction. It was indeed the first time that two American countries referred a dispute to the International Court of Justice.

Then Me Vasquez, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia continued the argument on behalf of Colombia.

The continuation of the statement by the representatives of Colombia will take place to-morrow morning, Wednesday September 27th, at 10.30.

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