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

At the public sitting of Wednesday 3 April 1991, which marked the opening of hearings in the above case, Mr. Kéba Mbaye who had been chosen by Senegal to sit as Judge ad hoc, made the solemn declaration required by the Statute and Rules of Court.

A biography of Judge ad hoc Mbaye, a former Member and Vice-President of the Court, is annexed hereto.

Judge <u>ad hoc</u> in the case concerning the Arbitral Award of 31 July 1989 (<u>Guinea-Bissau</u> v. <u>Senegal</u>)

Born on 5 August 1924 at Kaolack, Senegal.

Holder of the diploma of advanced studies in private law (Paris); holder of the certificate of the Ecole nationale de la France d'outre-mer (Magistrature Department).

Acting Deputy-Judge (1954-1958); Deputy to the Procureur de la République, St. Louis, Senegal (1958-1960).

Member of the Supreme Court of Senegal (1960) and its First President (1964-1982).

Honorary First President of the Supreme Court.

Lectured at the Faculty of Law of the University of Dakar and at the Ecole nationale d'administration of Senegal (1967-1978).

Former Chairman of the Commission on the Codification of the Law of Civil and Commercial Liabilities.

Doctor <u>honoris causa</u> of the Universities of Lille II and of Savoie (France) and Bhopal (India).

Has been a member of various United Nations bodies and has in particular participated as member and chairman in the work of the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any dispute between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education, the Special Committee to investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories and of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts to investigate violations of human rights in southern Africa; member of the ILO Committee of Experts.

Corresponding Member of the Académie royale des sciences d'outre-mer de Belgique; Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law and of the Institute of International Law; Member of the International Law Association.

Former President and Member of the International Committee on Comparative Law, of the International African Law Association, of the International Committee for Information and Documentation in the Social Sciences; Member of the Governing Board of the European Foundation for Human Rights; Member of the International Institute of Procedural Law; Vice-President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law; Member of the Administrative Council of the International Penal Law Association, of the International Criminology Association and of the Société de législation comparée; Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Institute of Human Rights (René Cassin Foundation); former Chairman of the International Commission of Jurists; Honorary President of the World Federation of United Nations Associations; President of the International Academy of Human Rights; Member of the Société française pour le droit international.

Was President of the Legal Sub-Commission of the OAU Commission of mediation in the border dispute between Upper Volta and Mali and a Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration; was General Rapporteur at the OAU Conference which adopted the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, and a member of the Arbitration Tribunal in the delimitation of the maritime boundary between Guinea and Guinea-Bissau (1983-1985).

Member of the International Court of Justice from 6 February 1982 to 5 February 1991; Vice-President of the Court from 1987-1991.

Author of numerous publications concerning the law of Senegal, the law of black Africa, human rights in general, and in particular the right to development. Has given a course on Interest to Act before the International Court of Justice at the Hague Academy of International Law (1988).