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### Oil Platforms (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)

#### Hearings on preliminary objections to open on 16 September 1996

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

Public sittings to hear the oral arguments of the Parties in the case concerning *Oil Platforms (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)* will open at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 16 September 1996, in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace at The Hague.

As the United States filed certain preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court, the oral proceedings shall be confined to these issues.

#### NOTE FOR THE PRESS

1. The public sitting will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace. Members of the Press will be entitled to attend on presentation of an admission card, which may be obtained upon application. The tables reserved for them are situated on the far left of the public entrance of the courtroom.

2. Photographs may be taken before the opening, during the first five minutes of the sitting; and also for a few minutes towards the end. Filming for cinema or television purposes is however subject to special authorization.

3. In the Press Room, located on the ground floor of the Peace Palace (Room 5), the Court's proceedings will be relayed through a loudspeaker.

4. Members of the Press who wish to make phone calls may use the public telephones in the Post Office in the basement of the Palace.

5. Mr. A. Th. Witteveen, Secretary of the Court (Press and Information Matters) (tel. No. 31-70-302 23 36), or, in his absence, Mrs. N. C. El-Erian, Information Officer (tel. No. 31-70-302 23 37), will be available to deal with any requests for information by members of the Press.