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## Press Release

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### Certain Property (Liechtenstein v. Germany)

#### Preliminary Objections

#### Schedule of public hearings to be held from 14 to 18 June 2004

THE HAGUE, 27 May 2004. As announced in Press Release 2004/14 published on 16 March 2004, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will hold public hearings in the case concerning Certain Property (Liechtenstein v. Germany) from Monday 14 to Friday 18 June 2004 at the Peace Palace, seat of the Court.

The schedule for these hearings is as follows:

#### First round of pleadings

Monday 14 June 2004	10 a.m.-1 p.m.:	Germany
Wednesday 16 June 2004	10 a.m.-1 p.m.:	Liechtenstein

#### Second round of pleadings

Thursday 17 June 2004	10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.:	Germany
Friday 18 June 2004	10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.:	Liechtenstein

It should be pointed out that, following preliminary objections to jurisdiction and admissibility raised by Germany on 27 June 2002, the proceedings on the merits were suspended pursuant to Article 79 of the Rules of Court. The purpose of the forthcoming hearings is thus to hear the oral statements of the Parties on those preliminary objections.

#### History of the proceedings

For the history of the proceedings, please see Press Release 2004/14 on the Court's website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)). Click on "Docket" and then on the hyperlink showing the name of the case concerning Certain Property (Liechtenstein v. Germany).

NOTE TO THE PRESS

1. The public hearings will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands. Mobile telephones and beepers are allowed in the courtroom **provided they are turned off or set on silent mode**. Any offending device will be temporarily retained.

2. Members of the Press may attend on presentation of a press card. The tables reserved for them are situated to the far left of the public entrance to the courtroom.

3. Photographs and TV shots may be taken for a few minutes at the opening of each sitting. The proceedings will be displayed live on a large TV screen in the Press Room, located on the ground floor of the Peace Palace (Room 5). **In the Press Room, it will be possible for TV crews to connect recording equipment directly to the Court's video system**, but advance notice of this should be given to the Information Department. There is also a facility for the connection of sound-only equipment to the Court's audio system during the proceedings.

4. Telephone calls may be made from the phone located in the Press Room (collect calls only) or from the public payphones in the Post Office in the basement of the Peace Palace.

5. Verbatim records of the hearings will be published daily on the Court's website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)), with translations to follow as soon as practicable thereafter.

6. Mr. Arthur Witteveen, First Secretary of the Court (tel: +31-70-302 2336), as well as Mrs. Laurence Blairon and Mr. Boris Heim, Information Officers, are available to deal with any requests from the Press (tel: +31-70-302 2337; e-mail address: [information@icj-cij.org](mailto:information@icj-cij.org)).