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Proceedings instituted by Mexico against the United States of America

Request for the indication of provisional measures

The Court will hold public hearings on Tuesday 21 January 2003

THE HAGUE, 15 January 2003. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) will hold public hearings on Tuesday 21 January 2003 on the request for the indication of provisional measures submitted last Thursday by Mexico in proceedings brought by it against the United States of America concerning alleged violations by the latter of Articles 5 and 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963 (see Press Release No. 2003/1 of 10 January 2003).

The programme of the hearings will be as follows:

First round of oral argument

Mexico	9.30 a.m.-11.00 a.m.
United States of America	11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Second round of oral argument

Mexico	3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.
United States of America	6 p.m.-7.30 p.m.

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 the sittings. The Court's 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 new 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. The verbatim records of the hearings will be published daily on the Court's website (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).
