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Pulp Mills on the River Uruguay
(Argentina v. Uruguay)

Conclusion of the public hearings on provisional measures

THE HAGUE, 9 June 2006. The public hearings on the request for the indication of provisional measures submitted to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) by Argentina in the case concerning Pulp Mills on the River Uruguay (Argentina v. Uruguay) concluded today.

Argentina submitted its request for the indication of provisional measures on 4 May 2006 immediately after seising the Court of a dispute between itself and Uruguay concerning alleged breaches by Uruguay of its obligations under the Statute of the River Uruguay, a treaty signed by the two States on 26 February 1975 (see press release No. 2006/17).

Two rounds of public hearings were held on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 June 2006 at the Peace Palace, The Hague, seat of the Court. In them Argentina reiterated its request for the indication of provisional measures, arguing *inter alia* that the mills posed a serious threat to the ecosystem of the River Uruguay. Uruguay asked the Court to reject Argentina's request, contending that the conditions required for the indication of provisional measures had not been satisfied.

The Court's decision will be delivered in the coming weeks. It will be read at a public sitting on a date which will be announced in a forthcoming press release.

The verbatim records of the hearings on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 June 2006 are available on the Court's website (address: <http://www.icj-cij.org>), under "Docket" (click on the name of the case, then on "Oral Pleadings").

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