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## Press Release

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

#### Conclusion of the public hearings on provisional measures

THE HAGUE, 19 December 2006. The public hearings on the request for the indication of provisional measures submitted by Uruguay to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the case concerning Pulp Mills on the River Uruguay (Argentina v. Uruguay) concluded today.

Uruguay submitted its request for the indication of provisional measures on 29 November 2006 (see Press Release No. 2006/40).

Two rounds of public hearings were held on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December 2006 at the Peace Palace, The Hague, seat of the Court. During the hearings, the delegation for Uruguay was led by H.E. Mr. Héctor Gros Espiell, Ambassador of Uruguay to the French Republic, and H.E. Mr. Carlos Gianelli, Ambassador of Uruguay to the United States of America, Agents. The delegation of Argentina was led by H.E. Ms Susana Ruiz Cerutti, Ambassador and Legal Counsel at the Argentinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Religious Worship, Agent.

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

At the conclusion of the oral proceedings, the Parties presented the following submissions:

#### Uruguay:

“Uruguay reiterates the terms of paragraph 28 of its request for the indication of provisional measures and respectfully requests the Court, pending the final judgment, to indicate to Argentina:

- that it should take all reasonable and appropriate steps to prevent or end the interruption of transit between Uruguay and Argentina, including closure of the bridges and roads linking the two States and the blockading or obstructing of traffic thereon;
- that it should abstain from any measure that might aggravate the present situation or impede the settlement or resolution of the dispute;

— that it should also abstain from taking any other measure that might infringe or adversely affect the rights of Uruguay that are currently being considered by the International Court of Justice.”

Argentina:

“The Argentine Republic requests . . . the Court to declare that it has no jurisdiction to entertain [the Uruguayan request] or to declare the request inadmissible.”

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The verbatim records of the hearings of Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December 2006 are available on the Court’s website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)), under “Docket” (click on the name of the case, then on “Oral Pleadings”).

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