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Continental Shelf (Tunisia/Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

Progress of the hearing

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

The Court began its public sittings in the case concerning the Continental Shelf between Tunisia and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on 16 September 1981. Between 16 and 25 September it heard oral arguments presented on behalf of Tunisia. As from Tuesday 29 September, it will be hearing oral arguments on behalf of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

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The following addressed the Court during this first round of oral arguments:

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Mr. Sadok Belaïd, co-agent and counsel;

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Mr. Habib Lazreg, Mr. Carlo Morelli, Mr. Daniel Stanley and Mr. Robert Laffitte, experts.

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Mr. Michel Virally, Professor at the University of Law, Economics
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Mr. Georges Abi-Saab, Professor of International Law at the
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Experts...

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Mr. Carlo Morelli, Professor of Applied Geophysics and Director of the Institute of Mines and Applied Geophysics at the University of Trieste, former Vice-Chairman of the International Oceanographic Commission of Unesco (1967-1970), Chairman of the Geology and Geophysics Committee of the International Commission for the Scientific Study of the Mediterranean Sea,

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Jamahiriya, died on 20 September 1981.
