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Continental Shelf (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Malta)  
(Request by Italy for permission to intervene)

Closure of oral proceedings

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

At public sittings held on 25, 26, 27 and 30 January 1984 the Court heard oral argument in the Continental Shelf case between the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Malta on the application submitted by the Government of Italy for permission to intervene in the case under Article 62 of the Statute. Representatives of Italy, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Malta addressed the Court.

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The persons named below addressed the Court in the following order:

For Italy:

H.E. Mr. Roberto Gaja, Agent; Mr. Gaetano Arangio-Ruiz, Advocate and Counsel; Mr. Riccardo Monaco, co-Agent; Mr. Giuseppe Sperduti, Advocate and Counsel; Mr. Marcello Conti, Advocate; and Mr. Michel Virally, Advocate and Counsel.

For the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya:

Mr. Abdelrazeg El-Murtadi Suleiman, Agent; Mr. Claude-Albert Colliard, Sir Francis Vallat and Mr. Etienne Grisel, Counsel and Advocates.

For Malta:

Dr. Edgar Mizzi, Agent and Counsel; Mr. Elihu Lauterpacht, Counsel.

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The Court requested the Agents of the Parties to remain available for the provision of any further information that it might require. It will now proceed to deliberate in private. The press will be informed when, in due course, the Court is about to deliver judgment.

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The Government of Italy was represented as follows:

Agent: H.E. Mr. Roberto Gaja, Ambassador;

Co-Agents: Mr. Riccardo Monaco, Dean of the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Rome;  
Mr. Arnaldo Squillante, Section President in the Council of State, Head of the Diplomatic Legal Service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

Advocates of the Italian State: Mr. Giuseppe Manzari, State Advocate-General;  
Mr. Marcello Conti, State Advocate;

Advocates and Counsel: Mr. Gaetano Arangio-Ruiz, Professor at the University of Rome;  
Mr. Giuseppe Sperduti, Professor at the University of Rome;  
Mr. Michel Virally, Professor of Law, Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Paris;

Counsel: Mr. Giorgio Bosco, Minister Plenipotentiary

assisted by: Mrs. Cristina Antonelli, Counsellor in the Diplomatic Legal Service.

The Government of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya was represented as follows:

Agent: Mr. Abdelrazeg El-Murtadi Suleiman, Professor of International Law at the University of Garyounis, Benghazi;

Counsels: Mr. Youssef Omar Kherbish, Counsellor at the Secretariat of Justice;  
Mr. Ibrahim Abdul Aziz Omar, Counsellor at the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison;

Counsel and Advocates: Mr. Claude-Albert Colliard, Honorary Dean, Professor of International Law at the University of Paris I;  
Mr. Etienne Grisel, Professor of Law at the University of Lausanne;  
Sir Francis Vallat, G.B.E., K.C.M.G., Q.C., Professor Emeritus of International Law at the University of London;

Consultants: Mr. Derek W. Bowett, C.B.E., Q.C., LL.D., Whewell Professor of International Law in the University of Cambridge;  
Mr. Gunther Jaenicke, Professor of International Law at the University of Frankfurt-am-Main;

Counsels: Mr. Rodman R. Bundy  
Mr. Richard Meese  
Mr. Henri-Xavier Ortoli  
Mr. Walter D. Sohler

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The Government of Malta was represented as follows:

Agent and Counsel:

Dr. Edgar Mizzi, Special Legal Consultant;

Counsel:

Mr. Elihu Lauterpacht, Q.C., Director of the Research Centre for International Law and Reader in International Law, University of Cambridge;

Professor Prosper Weil, Professor at the University of Law, Economics and Social Sciences, Paris;

Professor Ian Brownlie, Q.C., D.C.L., F.B.A., Chichele Professor of Public International Law, University of Oxford; Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.

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