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### Continental Shelf (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Malta)

#### Conclusion of public hearings

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

The second series of public hearings in the case of the Continental Shelf between the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Malta, which began on 4 February was concluded on 22 February 1985. The first series had taken place between 26 November and 14 December 1984.

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The Court first heard, on 4 and 5 February, the evidence of expert witnesses called successively by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Malta. Each expert was first examined by the Party which had called him, and then cross-examined by the other Party.

Evidence was given on behalf of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by Mr. J.E. van Hinte, Mr. D. Jongsma and Mr. I. Finetti.

Evidence was given on behalf of Malta by Mr. G.H. Mascle and Mr. C. Morelli.

Between 8 February and 22 February 1985, the Court heard statements made on behalf of the Parties during the second round of oral arguments.

Speakers during the second round were:

For Malta:

His Excellency Mr. E. Mizzi, Agent;  
Mr. I. Brownlie, Mr. E. Lauterpacht and Mr. P. Weil, Counsel;

For the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya:

Mr. A. El-Murtadi Suleiman, Agent;  
Sir Francis Vallat, Mr. G. Jaenicke, Mr. J.-P. Queneudec and  
Mr. D. Bowett, Counsel and Advocates.

Each...

Each of the two Agents read his Government's final submissions at the end of the hearing which completed the oral presentation of its case.

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The Court will now withdraw to consider its judgment.

The Press will be informed of the date when the Court's Judgment will be given.

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