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Sitting of the Court of 30 January 1995

Case concerning East Timor (Portugal v. Australia)

Further to Press Communiqué 94/22 of 31 October 1994, which announced the opening on Monday 30 January 1995, at 10.00 a.m., of the hearings in the case concerning East Timor (Portugal v. Australia), the following information is communicated to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

At 10.00 a.m. on Monday 30 January 1995, the Court will begin by holding a short sitting during which tribute will be paid to the memory of Judge Nikolai K. Tarassov (Russian Federation), who died on 28 September 1994.

Judge ad hoc Santiago Torres Bernárdez, chosen by Qatar in the case concerning Maritime Delimitation and Territorial Questions between Qatar and Bahrain (Qatar v. Bahrain) to fill the vacancy caused by the death on 7 July 1994 of Judge ad hoc José Maria Ruda, will, on that occasion, make the solemn declaration provided for in Article 20 of the Statute of the Court.

After a very short break the sitting to hear the oral arguments of the Parties in the case concerning East Timor (Portugal v. Australia) will open.

At the beginning of that sitting Mr. K. J. Skubiszewski and Sir Ninian Stephen, the Judges ad hoc chosen by Portugal and Australia respectively, will also make the solemn declaration provided for in Article 20 of the Statute of the Court.

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As elections to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Tarassov will be held on 26 January 1995, it is expected that the newly-elected Member of the Court will make the solemn declaration provided for in Article 20 of the Statute of the Court at a morning sitting to be held not earlier than 1 February 1995.