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Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge (Malaysia/Singapore)

Conclusion of the public hearings

Court ready to begin its deliberation

THE HAGUE, 23 November 2007. The public hearings in the case concerning Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge (Malaysia/Singapore) were concluded today. The Court will now start its deliberation.

During the hearings, which opened on 6 November 2007 at the Peace Palace, seat of the Court, the delegation of Malaysia was led by His Excellency Mr. Tan Sri Abdul Kadir Mohamad, Ambassador-at-Large, as Agent. The delegation of Singapore was led by His Excellency Professor Tommy Koh, Ambassador-at-Large, as Agent.

The Court's Judgment will be rendered at a public sitting, the date of which will be announced in due course.

Final submissions of the Parties

At the end of the oral proceedings, the Agents of the Parties presented the following final submissions to the Court:

For Malaysia:

“In accordance with Article 60, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Court, I respectfully request the Court to adjudge and declare that sovereignty over:

(a) Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh;

(b) Middle Rocks;

(c) South Ledge,

belongs to Malaysia.”

For Singapore:

“The Government of the Republic of Singapore requests the Court to adjudge and declare that:

- (a) the Republic of Singapore has sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh;
- (b) the Republic of Singapore has sovereignty over Middle Rocks; and
- (c) the Republic of Singapore has sovereignty over South Ledge.”

The verbatim records of the hearings held between 6 and 23 November 2007 are available on the Court’s website (www.icj-cij.org). The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Release No. 2006/38 of 16 November 2006.

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