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

Court to deliver its Judgment on Friday 23 May 2008 at 10 a.m.

THE HAGUE, 29 April 2008. On Friday 23 May 2008, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will deliver its Judgment in the case concerning Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge (Malaysia/Singapore).

A public sitting will take place at 10 a.m. at the Peace Palace in The Hague, during which the Vice-President of the Court, Judge Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh, Acting President in the case, will read the Court's Judgment.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Releases No. 2006/38 of 16 November 2006 and No. 2007/21 of 20 September 2007 available on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org).

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NOTE TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

1. The public sitting will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands. Mobile telephones and beepers are permitted in the courtroom provided they are switched off. Any offending device will be temporarily retained.

2. **Media representatives** are subject to an **accreditation procedure**, the details of which can be found in the Media Advisory attached to this Press Release.

3. Individual visitors (members of the Diplomatic Corps and the general public) are not subject to an admission procedure. However, groups of **five or more** are kindly requested to **give advance notification of their attendance** by filling out the relevant form on the Court's website (to the right of the screen under Calendar, click on "Attending a Hearing", then under Admission for Groups, click on "Online Application Form").

4. At the end of the sitting, a Press Release, a summary of the Judgment and the full text of the Judgment will be distributed. All of these documents will be made available at the same time on the Court's website.

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