

The following information from the Registry of the International Court of Justice is communicated to the Press:

At 4 p.m. on Thursday, 15 September 1960, in the Peace Palace at The Hague, the Court held the first of the public hearings in the case concerning the Arbitral Award made by the King of Spain on 23 December 1906 (Honduras y. Nicaragua).

The President of the Court began with an announcement that Judge Basdevant was prevented by illness from attending the Court for the moment. He then proceeded to instal the two ad hoc Judges appointed by the Parties: Dr. Roberto Ago, Professor of International Law in the University of Rome, and Professor Francisco Urrutia Holguín, Ambassador of Colombia. Having noted that the Agents of the Parties were present, the President then called upon the Agent for the Government of Honduras.

The Agent for the Government of Honduras (Mr. Ulloa, Honduran Ambassador to The Netherlands) made a short statement, whereupon Professor Paul De Visscher, Professor of International Public Law at the University of Louvain, one of the Counsel for that Government, began his speech. He will continue at the hearing of tomorrow, 16 September, which will open at 10.30 a.m.

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Note for representatives of the Press with regard to  
communiqués issued during the hearings in the Case concerning  
the Arbitral Award made by the King of Spain on 23 December 1906

Since representatives of the Press can be present at each sitting and obtain at the end of each day the verbatim record of the day's proceedings, the Registry does not propose to publish during the hearing, the customary communiqués which merely indicate the names of the speakers and the date of the next hearing. However, an exception will be made whenever the next hearing is fixed for a date other than the following day.

The Hague, 15 September 1960

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