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Application of the Interim Accord of 13 September 1995 (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia v. Greece)

Conclusion of the public hearings

Court to begin its deliberation

THE HAGUE, 30 March 2011. The public hearings in the case concerning Application of the Interim Accord of 13 September 1995 (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia v. Greece) were concluded today. The Court will now begin its deliberation.

During the hearings, which opened on 21 March 2011 at the Peace Palace, seat of the Court, the delegation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia was led by H.E. Mr. Antonio Miloshoski, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, as Agent and H.E. Mr. Nikola Dimitrov, Ambassador of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as Co-Agent. The delegation of Greece was led by H.E. Mr. Georges Savvaides, Ambassador, and Ms Maria Telalian, Legal Adviser, Head of the Public International Law Section of the Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Agents.

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 Parties presented the following final submissions to the Court:

For the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:

"On the basis of the evidence and legal arguments presented in its written and oral pleadings, the Applicant requests the Court:

- (i) to reject the Respondent's objections as to the jurisdiction of the Court and the admissibility of the Applicant's claims;
- (ii) to adjudge and declare that the Respondent, through its State organs and Agents, has violated its obligations under Article 11, paragraph 1, of the Interim Accord; and
- (iii) to order that the Respondent immediately take all necessary steps to comply with its obligations under Article 11, paragraph 1, of the Interim Accord, and to cease and desist

from objecting in any way, whether directly or indirectly, to the Applicant's membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and/or of any other 'international, multilateral and regional organizations and institutions' of which the Respondent is a member, in circumstances where the Applicant is to be referred to in such organization or institution by the designation provided for in paragraph 2 of United Nations Security Council resolution 817 (1993)."

For Greece:

"On the basis of the preceding evidence and legal arguments presented in its written and oral pleadings, the Respondent, the Hellenic Republic, requests the Court to adjudge and declare:

- (i) that the case brought by the Applicant before the Court does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Court and that the Applicant's claims are inadmissible;
- (ii) in the event that the Court finds that it has jurisdiction and that the claims are admissible, that the Applicant's claims are unfounded."

The verbatim records of the hearings held between 21 and 30 March 2011 are available on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org).

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