By agreement between Canada and the United States, their respective written pleadings are not to be made public until the opening of the oral proceedings in this case. It is expected that these proceedings will be held in the Hague in the spring or early summer of 1984.

The Gulf of Maine area maritime boundary case will be heard by a special five-member Chamber of the International Court of Justice. The President of the Chamber is Judge Roberto Ago of Italy. The other members are Judge André Gros (France), Judge Hermann Mosler (Federal Republic of Germany), Judge Stephen Schwebel (United States) and Judge ad hoc Maxwell Cohen (Canada). The Agent for Canada in the case is L.H. Legault, Q.C.; the U.S. Agent is Davis Robinson, Legal Adviser to the State Department.