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LEGAL COUNSEL NAMED IN GULF OF MAINE CASE

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of Canada, announced today the names of Counsel appearing on behalf of Canada at the International Court of Justice in the Gulf of Maine maritime boundary case. The oral proceedings will open in The Hague, Netherlands, on April 2, 1984 and are expected to continue until mid-May.

The Honourable Mark MacGuigan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General will open the Canadian case. Also appearing as Counsel on behalf of Canada will be: Mr. W.I.C. Binnie, Q.C., Associate Deputy Minister of Justice; Professor Derek W. Bowett, Q.C., Cambridge University; Professor Ian Brownlie, Q.C., Oxford University; Mr. Yves Fortier, Q.C., Member of the Quebec Bar and Past President of the Canadian Bar Association; Professor Dr. Gunther Jaenicke, University of Frankfurt-am-Main; Professor Ronald St. J. Macdonald, Q.C., Dalhousie University; Professor Antonio Malintoppi, University of Rome; and Professor Prosper Weil, University of Paris.

The Canadian delegation to the oral proceedings will be led by Ambassador L.H. Legault, Q.C., Legal Adviser to the Department of External Affairs and Agent and Counsel for Canada in the case. The Deputy-Agent for Canada, Mr. Blair Hankey of the Department of External Affairs, will also appear as Counsel. Mr. Allan Willis of the Department of Justice will serve as Counsel and Special Adviser.

The hearings follow three rounds of written pleadings submitted in September 1982, June 1983 and December 1983. The decision to be rendered by the Court

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