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

#### **Conclusion of the public hearings**

#### **Court ready to begin its deliberation**

THE HAGUE, 23 November 2007. The public hearings in the case concerning Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge (Malaysia/Singapore) were concluded today. The Court will now start its deliberation.

During the hearings, which opened on 6 November 2007 at the Peace Palace, seat of the Court, the delegation of Malaysia was led by His Excellency Mr. Tan Sri Abdul Kadir Mohamad, Ambassador-at-Large, as Agent. The delegation of Singapore was led by His Excellency Professor Tommy Koh, Ambassador-at-Large, as Agent.

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 Agents of the Parties presented the following final submissions to the Court:

#### **For Malaysia:**

“In accordance with Article 60, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Court, I respectfully request the Court to adjudge and declare that sovereignty over:

(a) Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh;

(b) Middle Rocks;

(c) South Ledge,

belongs to Malaysia.”

For Singapore:

“The Government of the Republic of Singapore requests the Court to adjudge and declare that:

- (a) the Republic of Singapore has sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh;
- (b) the Republic of Singapore has sovereignty over Middle Rocks; and
- (c) the Republic of Singapore has sovereignty over South Ledge.”

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The verbatim records of the hearings held between 6 and 23 November 2007 are available on the Court’s website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)). The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Release No. 2006/38 of 16 November 2006.

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