

## PERSONALIA

## JUDGE GONZALO PARRA-ARANGUREN

On Wednesday 28 February 1996 the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council elected Mr Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren to be a Member of the International Court of Justice in accordance with Article 10 of the Statute of the Court. He was elected to fill the vacancy left by the death on 24 October 1995 of Judge Andres Aguilar-Mawdsley. His term of office will extend until 5 February 2000 pursuant to Article 15 of the Statute of the Court.

Judge Parra-Aranguren was born in Venezuela on 5 December 1928. His special area of interest is private international law. He obtained degrees from the Central University of Venezuela and New York University, and in 1955 he obtained a Doctor of Law degree ("doktor iuris") *cum laude* from the Ludwig-Maximilians Universität in Munich.

He was a professor at the Central University of Venezuela, Caracas where he taught a course in private international law since 1956. He has taught courses at the Hague Academy of International Law and Andres Bello Catholic University in Caracas. He has also acted as arbitrator, both in Venezuela and abroad. He is a member of several international law bodies and has been on the editorial board of several journals. He has published several books and numerous articles on the law of nationality, private international law, and on international civil procedural law.

Following the election of Judge Parra-Aranguren the composition of the International Court now is as follows:

President	Mohammed Bedjaoui (Algeria)
Vice-President	Stephen M Schwebel (United States)
Judges	Shigeru Oda (Japan)
	Gilbert Guillaume (France)
	Mohamed Shahabuddeen (Guyana)
	Christopher G Weeramantry (Sri Lanka)
	Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar)
	Geza Herczegh (Hungary)

Shi Jiuyong (China)  
Carl-August Fleischhauer (Germany)  
Abdul G Koroma (Sierra Leone)  
Vladlen S Vereshchetin (Russian Federation)  
Luigi Ferrari Bravo (Italy)  
Rosalyn Higgins (United Kingdom)  
Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren (Venezuela)