

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICENew Member of the Court to make his solemn declaration *

The following information is communicated to the press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

On Monday 17 February 1986, at 12.30 p.m., the Court will hold a public sitting in the Peace Palace, The Hague, for the purpose of enabling Judge Nikolai K. Tarassov (USSR), who was on 9 December 1985 elected a Member of the Court by the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council, to make the solemn declaration required by Article 20 of the Statute of the Court.

Judge Tarassov has been elected to fill the vacancy left by the resignation in August 1985 of Judge Platon D. Morozov (USSR).

A short biography of the new Member of the Court is annexed hereto.

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Following the election of Judge Tarassov, the list of Members of the Court is now as follows:

President Nagendra Singh (India)
Vice-President Guy Ladreit de Lacharrière (France)
Judges Manfred Lachs (Poland)
 José Maria Ruda (Argentina)
 Taslim Olawale Elias (Nigeria)
 Shigeru Oda (Japan)
 Roberto Ago (Italy)
 José Sette-Camara (Brazil)
 Stephen M. Schwebel (United States of America)
 Sir Robert Jennings (United Kingdom)
 Kéba Mbaye (Senegal)
 Mohammed Bedjaoui (Algeria)
 Ni Zhengyu (China)
 Jens Evensen (Norway)
 Nikolai K. Tarassov (USSR)

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Judge Nikolai Konstantinovitch TARASSOV
(Member of the Court since 9 December 1985)

Born in Moscow on 2 October 1923.

Graduated from the Law Faculty of Moscow State University. Postgraduate studies at the same University.

Consultant to the legal section of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR (1949-1953).

Head of secretariat for the Secretary of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR (1953-1956).

Counsellor, Embassy of the USSR in Iran (1956-1961).

Head of section, Deputy Head of Department, and Head of Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR (1961-1968).

Deputy Permanent Representative of the USSR to the United Nations, New York (1968-1972).

Ambassador of the USSR to Mexico (1972-1976).

From 1976 to his election to the Court, Principal Counsellor, Department of Foreign Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR.

Representative of the USSR to numerous United Nations bodies (Commission on Human Rights, 1968-1972; Committee for sanctions against Southern Rhodesia) and to several sessions of the United Nations General Assembly (Twenty-third to Twenty-sixth ordinary sessions; Fifth special session on South West Africa, 1967; Fifth emergency special session on Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1967).

In his personal capacity, member of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and member of the International Civil Service Advisory Board (ICSAB).

Head of USSR delegation to the Vienna talks on mutual force and armaments reductions and related measures in Central Europe (1976-1981) and at the seminar on economic, scientific and cultural co-operation in the Mediterranean (1984).

Member of the Soviet International Law Association.
