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**Cambodia files an application requesting interpretation of the Judgment rendered in the
Case of 12 June 1978 in the case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear
(Cambodia v. Thailand) and also asks for the award of interest**

THE HAGUE, 2 May 2011. On 28 April, the Kingdom of Cambodia filed an Application requesting interpretation of the Judgment rendered on 12 June 1978 by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear (Cambodia v. Thailand). The filing of such an application gives rise to the opening of a new phase. Together with the Application, Cambodia submitted an urgent request for the indication of provisional measures. The latter opens technical proceedings within the new case.

Reason for interpretation

In support of its Request for interpretation, Cambodia invokes Article 66 of the Statute of the Court, which provides: "In the event of dispute as to the meaning or scope of the Judgment, the Court shall entertain a request for its interpretation." It also invokes Article 94 of the Rules of Court.

In its Application, Cambodia submits the "Series of disputes as to the meaning or scope of an Judgment" as required by Article 66 of the Statute of Court. It states in particular that:

"(1) according to Cambodia, the Judgment (rendered by the Court in 1962) is based on the clear intention of an international boundary established and recognized by both States;

(2) according to Cambodia, the boundary is defined by the map to which the Court refers in para. 21 of the Judgment ... a map which makes the Court to find that Cambodia's sovereignty over the Temple is direct and exclusive; consequence of its sovereignty over the territory on which the Temple is situated ...

(3) according to the Applicant, Thailand is under an obligation to withdraw any military or other personnel from the vicinity of the Temple on Cambodian territory. Cambodia believes that this is a general and continuing obligation deriving from the statements concerning Cambodia's territorial sovereignty recognized by the Court in the 1962 Judgment."

Cambodia asserts that "Thailand disagrees with all of these points."