

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

PERSONALIA

Judge Manfred Lachs of the International Court of Justice died in The Hague on 14 January 1993. Judge Lachs had been a Member of the Court since 1967 and was its President from 1973-1976. His term of office would have ended in February 1994. Born in 1914, he had a long and distinguished career in the service of his country (Poland) in the field of international relations, particularly in the arbitration and judicial settlement of international disputes as well as in the academic life of the world community.

On 10 May 1993, the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council, in accordance with Article 10 of the Statute of the Court, elected **Judge Géza Herczegh** (Hungary) to be a Member of the Court. He was elected to fill the vacancy left by the death of Judge Lachs. His term of office thus extends until 5 February 1994 (Article 15 of the Statute of the Court).

On 10 November 1993, the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council re-elected Judges Shigeru Oda (Japan) and Géza Herczegh (Hungary) as Members of the Court.

On that same date, Messrs **Shi Jiuyong** (China), **Carl August Fleischhauer** (Germany) and **Abdul G Koroma** (Sierra Leone) were elected to be Members of the Court as from 6 February 1994.

Judge Shi was born in China in 1926 and held several governmental and academic positions (including being a member of the International Law Commission) before he was elected to the Court.

Judge Fleischhauer was born in Germany in 1930 and he participated in numerous bilateral meetings and negotiations on behalf of the then Federal Republic of Germany. His international career saw his involvement in several cases before the Court. He is also author of numerous publications on international law.

Judge Koroma had been Sierra Leone's Permanent Representative to the United Nations before he was elected to the Court. He was also a member of the International Law Commission and has authored numerous publications on international law.