national instruments and rules with respect to a diplomatic envoy of Dominica to the United Nations in Geneva.[43] Time limits for the filing of memorials have not yet been set.

12. Proceedings instituted by Argentina (*Argentina v Uruguay*)

On 4 May 2006, Argentina instituted proceedings against Uruguay alleging breaches by Uruguay of obligations incumbent upon it under the Statute of the River Uruguay, a treaty dated 26 February 1975 between Argentina and Uruguay.[44] Public hearings concerning Argentina's request for provisions measures are scheduled to be heard by the court on 8 and 9 June 2006.[45]

V. OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

1. On 29 September 2005, the International Court of Justice amended Article 43 of the Rules of Court, dealing with the matter of notifications to be given by the Court to non-parties to a case which are parties to a convention whose construction may be in question in the proceedings. Two new paragraphs were added, in order to cover the case of international organizations parties to such conventions and to establish an appropriate procedural framework for this purpose.[1]

2. On 8 November 2005, five members of the Court were elected for a term of office of nine years beginning on 6 February 2006. Judge Thomas Buergenthal (USA) was re-elected as a member of the Court. Mohamed Bennouna (Morocco), Kenneth Keith (New Zealand), Bernardo Sepúlveda Amor (Mexico) and Leonid Skotnikov (Russian Federation) were elected Members of the Court.[2]

3. On 10 January 2006, the Republic of Djibouti seised the jurisdiction of the Court in dispute with France relating to the alleged violation of France of its international obligations in respect of mutual assistance in criminal matters. The Republic of Djibouti based its action on Article 38, paragraph 5 of the Rules of Court. The Application has been transmitted to the French Government. No further action will be taken in the proceedings until France consents to the jurisdiction of the Court in this case.[3]

4. On 6 February 2006, Judge Rosalyn Higgins (United Kingdom) was elected President of the International Court of Justice. Judge Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh (Jordan) was elected Vice-President. Each have been appointed for a term of three years.[4]

[43] ibid No 2006/16.
[1] ibid No 2005/19.
[4] ibid No 2006/5.
[44] ibid No 2006/17.
[2] ibid No 2005/23.
[45] ibid No 2006/19.
[3] ibid No 2006/1.

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