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Continental Shelf (Tunisia/Libyan Arab Jamahiriya):
Time-Limits fixed for the filing of Replies

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

After the Court's decision of 14 April 1981 that the application by the Government of Malta for permission to intervene in the case concerning the Continental Shelf between Tunisia and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya could not be granted, the case continues its course.

On 16 April the President of the Court made an Order fixing 15 July 1981 as the time-limit for the filing of Replies by Tunisia and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. Before doing so he ascertained the views of the respective Agents of the Parties, each of whom indicated a wish to submit additional written pleadings as envisaged in the Special Agreement between the two States, the instrument by which the case was brought before the Court. With the filing of the Replies, the case will become ready for hearing.

Up to now both Tunisia and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya have each filed a Memorial and a Counter-Memorial in accordance with that Agreement.

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