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Hearings to open on Tuesday 18 March 1980 at 3 p.m.

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

Following the delivery on 15 December 1979 of the Order indicating provisional measures, the proceedings have taken the course laid down in the Statute and the Rules of Court.

By an Order of 24 December 1979 the President of the Court fixed 15 January 1980 as the time-limit for the filing of a Memorial by the United States, and 18 February 1980 as that for the filing of a Counter-Memorial by the Islamic Republic of Iran, with liberty for the Islamic Republic, if it appointed an agent for the purpose of appearing before the Court and presenting its observations on the case, to apply for reconsideration of the latter time-limit.

The United States filed its Memorial within the time-limit appointed. The Islamic Republic of Iran did not however file a Counter-Memorial or apply for an extension of the time-limit.

The phase of written proceedings having thus ended, the Court has now come to the oral phase and has fixed Tuesday 18 March, at 3 p.m., as the date on which public hearings are to begin.