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Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary in the  
Gulf of Maine Area  
(Canada/United States of America)

Time-Limit Fixed for the Filing of Counter-Memorials

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

By an Order of 5 November 1982, the time-limit for the filing of Counter-Memorials by Canada and the United States has been fixed at 28 June 1983.

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Canada and the United States have submitted to a specially formed Chamber of the International Court of Justice a dispute over the boundary separating the fishery zones and continental shelves of the two countries off the Atlantic coast in the Gulf of Maine area. The proceedings were instituted on 25 November 1981 by the filing of a Special Agreement.

The Chamber was constituted by an Order of the Court on 20 January 1982. It is composed as follows: Judge Ago, President of the Chamber; Judges Gros, Mosler and Schwebel; Judge ad hoc Cohen. This was the first time in the history of the Court that the parties to a dispute had made use of the possibilities, embodied in the Statute and Rules of the Court, of sending their case to a special chamber instead of to the full Court.

The first pleadings (the Memorials) were filed on 27 September 1982, within the time-limit as fixed by an Order of 1 February after consultation with the Parties and extended at the request of one of them, and without objection on the part of the other, by an Order of 28 July 1982.

The time-limit for the filing of the second pleadings (the Counter-Memorials) has now, by an Order of 5 November 1982, been fixed, after consultation with the Parties, at 28 June 1983. No decision has yet been taken as to the subsequent procedure.

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