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The United States brings a case against Italy

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

On 6 February 1987 the United States filed in the Registry of the International Court of Justice an Application instituting proceedings against Italy. The Application alleges that Italy has violated the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation signed by the two States in Rome on 2 February 1948, as well as the supplementary agreement to that Treaty. It finds the jurisdiction of the Court upon Article XXVI of the Treaty.

The United States contends that Italy's actions with respect to an Italian company wholly owned by two United States corporations, the Raytheon Company and Machlett Laboratories, Inc., violated certain of the provisions of the Treaty of 1948 and its supplement, and that consequently Italy is liable to pay the United States compensation, in an amount to be determined by the Court, as measured by the injuries suffered by the United States companies as a result of the said violations.

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The United States has requested that the case should be dealt with by a Chamber of the Court. Article 26, paragraph 3, of the Statute of the Court enables this procedure to be followed at the request of the Parties.