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Libya-Chad territorial dispute submitted to the  
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The following information is communicated to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

By a Notification in English dated 31 August 1990, and filed in the Registry on that date, the Government of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya instituted proceedings against the Republic of Chad on the basis of a Special Agreement contained in or constituted by an "Accord-Cadre sur le Règlement du Différend Territorial entre la Grande Jamahiriya Arabe Libyenne Populaire et Socialiste et la République du Tchad", signed in Algiers on 31 August 1989. According to this Notification, the question put to the Court is in the following terms:

"In further implementation of the Accord-Cadre, and taking into account the territorial dispute between the Parties, to decide upon the limits of their respective territories in accordance with the rules of international law applicable in the matter."

By an Application in French dated 1 September 1990, and filed in the Registry on 3 September 1990 (a copy of the text having already been communicated to the Registry by facsimilie on 1 September 1990), the Republic of Chad instituted proceedings against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in respect of the frontier dispute between the two States. The Application was also based on the Accord-Cadre of 31 August 1989, as well as, by way of subsidiary basis of jurisdiction, a Treaty between France and Libya dated 10 August 1955. By that Application, Chad requests the Court:

"to determine the course of the frontier between the Republic of Chad and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, in accordance with the principles and rules of international law applicable in the matter as between the Parties" [translation by the Registry].