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## ORDER

The President of the International Court of Justice,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and Articles 31, 44 and 79 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed by the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Registry of the Court on 2 November 1992 instituting proceedings against the United States of America in respect of a dispute

“aris[ing] out of the attack [on] and destruction of three offshore oil production complexes, owned and operated for commercial purposes by the National Iranian Oil Company, by several warships of the United States Navy on 19 October 1987 and 18 April 1988, respectively”;

Having regard to the Order made by the President of the Court on 4 December 1992 which, *inter alia*, fixed 30 November 1993 as the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the United States of America, and the Order of 3 June 1993 whereby that time-limit was extended to 16 December 1993,

Having regard to the preliminary objection concerning the jurisdiction of the Court to entertain the case, which was submitted by the Government of the United States within the time-limit fixed for the filing of the Counter-Memorial, as thus extended;

Whereas the Court, by its Judgment of 12 December 1996, found that it has jurisdiction, on the basis of Article XXI, paragraph 2, of the Treaty

of Amity, Economic Relations, and Consular Rights of 15 August 1955, to entertain the claims made by Iran under Article X, paragraph 1, of that Treaty;

Whereas, for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the Parties on the subsequent procedure, the President received their Agents on 12 December 1996;

Taking into account the agreement of the Parties,

*Fixes* 23 June 1997 as the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the United States of America; and

*Reserves* the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in French and in English, the French text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this sixteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Government of the United States of America, respectively.

*(Signed)* Mohammed BEDJAOU,  
President.

*(Signed)* Eduardo VALENCIA-OSPINA,  
Registrar.