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Case concerning Oil Platforms
(Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)

Proceedings on the merits

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

On 16 December 1993, within the time-limit for the filing of its Counter-Memorial, the United States of America filed a preliminary objection to the jurisdiction of the Court in the above case.

By its Judgment of 12 December 1996 (see Press Communiqué No. 96/33), the Court found that it had 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 the Islamic Republic of Iran under Article X, paragraph 1, of that Treaty.

Following that Judgment, time-limits for the written proceedings on the merits had to be fixed. Taking into account the agreement of the Parties, the President of the Court, by an Order of 16 December 1996, has fixed 23 June 1997 as the time-limit for the Counter-Memorial of the United States of America.

The subsequent procedure is reserved for further decision.