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Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons (Request for Advisory Opinion)

Order fixing time-limits

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

As indicated in Press Communiqué No. 94/24 of 23 December 1994, the General Assembly adopted on 15 December 1994 resolution 49-75 K, requesting the Court

"urgently to render its advisory opinion on the following question: 'Is the threat or use of nuclear weapons in any circumstance permitted under international law?'"

The request was transmitted to the Court by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in a letter dated 19 December 1994.

By an Order of 1 February 1995, the Court decided that States entitled to appear before the Court and the United Nations might furnish information on the question submitted to the Court and fixed:

- 20 June 1995 as the time-limit within which written statements may be submitted (Article 66, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Court) and
- 20 September 1995 as the time-limit within which States and organizations having presented written statements may present written observations on the other written statements (Article 66, paragraph 4, of the Statute).

The subsequent procedure is reserved for further decision.