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brought by the United States against Italy

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

By an Order dated 2 March 1987 the Court, by a unanimous decision, constituted a Chamber to deal with the case brought by the United States against Italy, and fixed time-limits for the filing of the pleadings.

The two decisions are explained in detail below.

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On 6 February 1987 the United States filed an Application instituting proceedings against Italy in respect of a dispute arising out of the requisition by the Government of Italy of the plant and related assets of the Elettronica Sicula S.p.A. (ELSI), a company which is stated to have been 100 per cent owned by two United States corporations, the Raytheon Company and Machlett Laboratories, Inc.

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The United States has requested the constitution of a chamber composed of five judges to hear and determine the case, pursuant to Article 26 of the Statute of the Court. Italy has made known its acceptance of this proposal.

Having before it a request by the two Parties for the constitution of a chamber, the Court accordingly decided unanimously, by an Order of 2 March 1987, to accede to the request, and proceeded to constitute a special Chamber of five judges to deal with the case. The Chamber is composed as follows:

Judge Nagendra Singh (India), President
Judge Shigeru Oda (Japan)
Judge Roberto Ago (Italy)
Judge Stephen Schwebel (United States of America)
Judge Sir Robert Jennings (United Kingdom)

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The Court, having ascertained the views of the Parties, has also fixed the time-limits for the filing of the initial pleadings, as follows:

- 15 May 1987 for the Memorial of the United States;
 - 16 November 1987 for the Counter-Memorial of Italy.
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