

The following information from the Registry of the International Court of Justice has been communicated to the press:

By Order of December 1st, 1950, the President of the International Court of Justice has fixed Saturday, January 20th, 1951, as the date of **expiry** of the time-limit for the submission of written statements in the matter of the advisory opinion on the question of reservations to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, on behalf of the States having been invited to sign that Convention and by the International Labour Organisation and the Organization of American States. Those States and Organizations are considered as likely to be able to furnish information to the Court on the question (Article 66, paragraph 2, of the Statute).

It will be remembered that the request for advisory opinion was submitted to the Court by Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations of November 16th, 1950. The Court was invited to give its opinion on the following questions:

"In so far as concerns the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the event of a State ratifying or acceding to the Convention subject to a reservation made either on ratification or on accession, or on signature followed by ratification:

- I. Can the reserving State be regarded as being a party to the Convention while still maintaining its reservation if the reservation is objected to by one or more of the parties to the Convention but not by others ?
- II. If the answer to question I is in the affirmative, what is the effect of the reservation as between the reserving State and :
 - (a) The parties which object to the reservation ?
 - (b) Those which accept it ?
- III. What would be the legal effect as regards the answer to question I if an objection to a reservation is made :
 - (a) By a signatory which has not yet ratified ?
 - (b) By a State entitled to sign or accede but which has not yet done so ?"

The Hague, December 1st, 1950.