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(GREECE v. TURKEY)

ORDER OF 14 OCTOBER 1976

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## ORDER

The President of the International Court of Justice,  
Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court,  
Having regard to Article 40 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application by Greece filed in the Registry of the Court on 10 August 1976, instituting proceedings against Turkey in respect of a dispute concerning the delimitation of the continental shelf appertaining to Greece and Turkey in the Aegean Sea, and concerning the respective legal rights of those States to explore and exploit the continental shelf of the Aegean;

Whereas the Government of Turkey was notified immediately, through its Ambassador to the Netherlands, of the filing of the Application;

Having regard to the communication dated 25 August 1976 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, received in the Registry on 26 August 1976 in which it was asserted, *inter alia*, that the Court has no jurisdiction to entertain the Application;

Having regard to the Order of 11 September 1976 by which the Court adjudicated upon the request for interim measures of protection presented by Greece on 10 August 1976, and decided that the written proceedings should first be addressed to the question of the jurisdiction of the Court to entertain the dispute;

Having ascertained the views of the parties,

Fixes as follows the time-limits for the written proceedings on the question of jurisdiction:

18 April 1977 for the Memorial of the Government of Greece;

24 October 1977 for the Counter-Memorial of the Government of Turkey;

And reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and in French, the English text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this fourteenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of Greece and the Government of Turkey, respectively.

*(Signed)* E. JIMÉNEZ DE ARÉCHAGA,  
President.

*(Signed)* S. AQUARONE,  
Registrar.

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