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Frontier Dispute (Burkina Faso/Mali)

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

The Chamber formed by the Court on 3 April 1985 to deal with the frontier dispute between Burkina Faso (formerly known as Upper Volta) and Mali elected Judge Mohammed Bedjaoui to its presidency at its first private meeting on 29 April.

The composition of the Chamber is as follows:

Judge Mohammed Bedjaoui, President; Judges Manfred Lachs and José-Maria Ruda; Judges ad hoc François Luchaire and Georges Michel Abi-Saab.

On the same day, the Chamber held its first public sitting, at which speeches were made by the President of the Court, Judge Nagendra Singh, by the President of the Chamber, Judge Mohammed Bedjaoui, by the Agent of Burkina Faso, Mr. Nongoma Ouedraogo, and by the Agent of Mali, Lieutenant-Colonel Abdourahamane Maiga. Judges ad hoc Luchaire and Abi-Saab, chosen respectively by Burkina Faso and Mali, made the solemn declaration required by the Statute and the Rules of Court.

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By an Order made on 12 April, the President of the Court has fixed 3 October 1985 as the time-limit for the filing of Memorials by Burkina Faso and Mali. This time-limit corresponds to the wishes of the Parties as expressed in the Special Agreement by which proceedings were instituted.

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