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Present: President Sir Robert JENNINGS; Vice-President ODA; Judges LACHS, ELIAS, AGO, SCHWEBEL, BEDJAOUI, NI, EVENSEN, TARASSOV, GUILLAUME, SHAHABUDDEEN, AGUILAR MAWDSLEY, WEERAMANTRY, RANJEVA; Judge ad hoc AGHAHOSSEINI; Registrar VALENCIA-OSPINA.

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

After deliberation,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 31 and 79 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order made by the Court on 13 December 1989 fixing 12 June 1990 and 10 December 1990 as time-limits respectively for the Memorial of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Counter-Memorial of the United States of America,

Having regard to the Order made by the President of the Court on 12 June 1990 extending the time-limit for the Memorial to 24 July 1990 and the time-limit for the Counter-Memorial to 4 March 1991;

Whereas on 4 March 1991 the United States of America filed certain preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court;

Whereas, accordingly, by virtue of the provisions of Article 79, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court, the proceedings on the merits are suspended and a time-limit has to be fixed for the presentation by the other Party of a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections;

Whereas at a meeting between the Vice-President of the Court and the representatives of the Parties, held on 28 March 1991, the Islamic Republic of Iran requested that a time-limit of approximately 8 months be fixed for such presentation, and the United States of America agreed;

Having taken into account the views of the Parties,

Fixes 9 December 1991 as the time-limit within which the Islamic Republic of Iran may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections raised by the United States of America; 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 ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-one, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Government of the United States of America, respectively.

> (Signed) R. Y. JENNINGS, President. (Signed) Eduardo VALENCIA-OSPINA,

> > Registrar.