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## Aerial Incident of 3 July 1988

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## (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)

The following information is communicated to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice.

In the case concerning the <u>Aerial Incident of 3 July 1988 (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America</u>) the Government of the United States of America has submitted preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court. These objections were filed in the Registry of the Court on 4 March 1991, that is, within the time-limit fixed for the filing of a Counter-Memorial by the United States.

In accordance with Article 79 of the Rules of Court, the proceedings on the merits of a case are suspended upon the filing of a preliminary objection.

In due course the Court will fix a time-limit for the filing by the Islamic Republic of Iran of observations and submissions on the United States objections. This will be the subject of a further press communiqué.

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