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Certain Phosphate Lands in Nauru  
(Nauru v. Australia)

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

In the case concerning Certain Phosphate Lands in Nauru (Nauru v. Australia), the Government of Australia has submitted preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court and the admissibility of the Application. These objections were filed in the Registry of the Court on 16 January 1991, that is, within the time-limit fixed for the filing of the Australian Counter-Memorial (21 January 1991).

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

By an Order of today, 8 February 1991, the Court has fixed 19 July 1991 as the time-limit within which Nauru may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the objections.

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