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*Present: President* BEDJAOUI; *Vice-President* SCHWEBEL; *Judges* ODA, GUILLAUME, SHAHABUDDEEN, WEERAMANTRY, RANJEVA, HERCZEGH, SHI, FLEISCHHAUER, KOROMA, VERESHCHETIN, FERRARI BRAVO; *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 of 19 June 1992 whereby the Court fixed 20 December 1993 and 20 June 1995 as the time-limits for the filing, respectively, of a Memorial of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and of a Counter-Memorial of the United States of America;

Whereas on 20 June 1995 the United States of America filed certain preliminary objections requesting the Court to adjudge and declare that it lacks jurisdiction and cannot entertain the case;

Whereas accordingly, by virtue 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 President of the Court and the Agents of the Parties, held on 9 September 1995, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya requested that a time-limit of three months be fixed for the presentation of that written statement, and whereas the United States of America agreed;

Having taken into account the views of the Parties,

*Fixes* 22 December 1995 as the time-limit within which the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya 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 twenty-second day of September, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Government of the United States of America, respectively.

(*Signed*) Mohammed BEDJAOUI,  
President.

(*Signed*) Eduardo VALENCIA-OSPINA,  
Registrar.