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Cases concerning Questions of Interpretation and Application
of the 1971 Montreal Convention arising from the
Aerial Incident at Lockerbie
(Libyan Arab Jamahiriya v. United Kingdom)
(Libyan Arab Jamahiriya v. United States of America)

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

On 16 and 20 June 1995, within the time-limits for the filing of their Counter-Memorials, the United Kingdom and the United States respectively filed in each of the above cases certain preliminary objections concerning the jurisdiction of the Court and the admissibility of the Application.

By virtue of Article 79, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court, the proceedings on the merits are suspended when preliminary objections are filed; proceedings have then to be organized for the consideration of those preliminary objections in accordance with the provisions of that Article.

By Orders of 22 September 1995, the Court, taking into account the views expressed by the Parties at a meeting with the President of the Court held on 9 September 1995, fixed, in each case, 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 Kingdom and the United States respectively.

The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.