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Iran brings a case against the United States

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

The shooting-down of an Iranian airliner by the United States warship Vincennes on 3 July 1988 has been referred by Iran to the International Court of Justice.

In an Application filed on 17 May 1989, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran refers to the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation (1944), as amended, and the Montreal Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation (1971), as well as to a decision given by the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on 17 March 1989; it requests the Court to adjudge and declare:

- "(a) that the ICAO Council decision is erroneous in that the Government of the United States has violated the Chicago Convention, including the Preamble, Articles 1, 2, 3 bis, and 44(a) and (h) and Annex 15 of the Chicago Convention as well as Recommendation 2.6/1 of the Third Middle East Regional Air Navigation Meeting of ICAO;
- (b) that the Government of the United States has violated Articles 1, 3 and 10 (1) of the Montreal Convention; and
- (c) that the Government of the United States is responsible to pay compensation to the Islamic Republic, in the amount to be determined by the Court, as measured by the injuries suffered by the Islamic Republic and the bereaved families as a result of these violations, including additional financial losses which Iran Air and the bereaved families have suffered for the disruption of their activities."