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<u>Case concerning Oil Platforms (Islamic Republic</u> <u>of Iran v. United States of America)</u>

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

Following the filing by the United States of America of certain preliminary objections to the Court's jurisdiction on 16 December 1993, within the extended time-limit fixed for the Counter-Memorial, the proceedings on the merits in the above case were suspended and a time-limit had to be fixed for the presentation by the other Party of a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections (Rules of Court, Art. 79, para. 3).

By an Order of 18 January 1994 the President of the Court, having taken into account the views of the Parties, has fixed 1 July 1994 as the time-limit within which Iran may present such written statement on the preliminary objections raised by the United States.

The subsequent procedure is reserved for further decision.