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## Hungary applies to the International Court of Justice in its dispute with the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic over the projected diversion of the Danube

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

On 23 October 1992 the Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary to the Netherlands presented at the International Court of Justice an Application against the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic in the dispute concerning the projected diversion of the Danube.

In that document the Hungarian Government, before detailing its case, invites the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic to accept the jurisdiction of the Court.

A copy of the Application has been transmitted to the Government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic in accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, of the Rules of Court, which reads as follows:

"When the Applicant State proposes to found the jurisdiction of the Court upon a consent thereto yet to be given or manifested by the State against which such application is made, the application shall be transmitted to that State. It shall not however be entered in the General List, nor any action be taken in the proceedings, unless and until the State against which such application is made consents to the Court's jurisdiction for the purposes of the case."