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## <u>Case concerning the Land and Maritime Boundary</u> between Cameroon and Nigeria

(Cameroon v. Nigeria)

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

On 13 December 1995, within the time-limit for the filing of its Counter-Memorial, Nigeria filed certain preliminary objections in the above case. The objections related to the jurisdiction of the Court and to the admissibility of the claims of Cameroon.

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 an Order of 10 January 1996, the President of the Court, taking into account the views expressed by the Parties at a meeting between the President and the Agents of the Parties held on 10 January 1996, fixed 15 May 1996 as the time-limit within which Cameroon may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections raised by Nigeria.

The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.