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Fisheries Jurisdiction Case (Spain v. Canada)

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

In the above case, which was brought before the Court by Spain on 28 March 1995 (see Press Communiqué 95/9 of 29 March 1995), Spain founded the jurisdiction of the Court on the declarations made by the two Parties in accordance with Article 36, paragraph 2, of the Statute. Canada, in a letter of 21 April 1995, contested the jurisdiction of the Court.

Taking into account the agreement concerning the procedure reached between the Parties at a meeting with the President of the Court, held on 27 April 1995, the President, by an Order of 2 May 1995, decided that the written proceedings shall first be addressed to the question of the jurisdiction of the Court to entertain the dispute and fixed the following time-limits for the filing of those pleadings:

- 29 September 1995 for the Memorial of the Kingdom of Spain; and
- 29 February 1996 for the Counter-Memorial of Canada.

The subsequent procedure is reserved for further decision.
