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Present: President Sir Robert JENNINGS; *Vice-President* ODA; *Judges* LACHS, ELIAS, AGO, SCHWEBEL, BEDJAOLI, NI, EVENSEN, TARASSOV, GUILLAUME, SHAHABUDEEN, AGUILAR MAWDSLEY, RANJEVA; *Registrar* VALENCIA-OSPINA.

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

After deliberation,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 31 and 79 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order made by the Court on 18 July 1989 by which, *inter alia*, 21 January 1991 was fixed as the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the Commonwealth of Australia;

Whereas, within the time-limit so fixed, the Commonwealth of Australia filed certain preliminary objections whereby it asked the Court to adjudge and declare "that the Application by Nauru is inadmissible and that the Court lacks jurisdiction to hear the claims made by Nauru";

Whereas, accordingly, by virtue of the provisions of Article 79, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court, the proceedings on the merits are suspended and a time-limit has to be fixed for the presentation by the

other Party of a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections;

Having ascertained the views of the Parties,

Fixes 19 July 1991 as the time-limit within which the Republic of Nauru may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections raised by the Commonwealth of Australia; and

Reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and in French, the English text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this eighth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-one, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Republic of Nauru and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, respectively.

(Signed) R. Y. JENNINGS,
President.

(Signed) Eduardo VALENCIA-OSPINA,
Registrar.
