

AI 2011/3
28 March 2011

**Written observations of Italy on the Application
for permission to intervene filed by Greece**

The Registrar has the honour to transmit herewith to Members of the Court the written observations of the Italian Republic on the Application for permission to intervene in the case filed by the Hellenic Republic on 13 January 2011. These written observations were received in the Registry today, pursuant to Article 83, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Court, within the time-limit fixed by the Court for that purpose.

The Italian Republic's written observations consist of a letter from its Agent dated 22 March 2011.

It is recalled that the above-mentioned time-limit, within which the Parties were invited to furnish their written observations on Greece's Application for permission to intervene, was fixed as Friday 1 April 2011.

Letter to the Registrar dated 22 March 2011
from the Agent of the Italian Republic

[Translation]

The Government of the Italian Republic acknowledges receipt of your letter of 13 January 2011 informing it that the Hellenic Republic, referring to Article 62 of the Statute of the Court, had filed in the Registry that day an Application for permission to intervene in the case concerning *Jurisdictional Immunities of the State (Germany v. Italy)*.

The Italian Republic understands the Hellenic Government's desire to convey as accurately as possible to the Court its views on the nature and content of the legal interests which it considers may be affected by the decision in the case, in particular taking account of the fact that the Court's Judgment may establish whether a Greek judicial decision, i.e., the judgment of the Regional Court of Livadia of 25 September/30 October 1997 in the *Distomo* case, holding the German State liable to compensate Greek nationals who were the victims of a massacre perpetrated in Greece by German armed forces, is capable of being enforced in Italy.

In any event, the Italian Republic has no objection to the Hellenic Republic's request to intervene.

The Italian Republic further states that it has no objection to the Hellenic Republic being furnished with copies of the pleadings and documents annexed, in accordance with Article 53 of the Rules of Court.
