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Present: President YUSUF; Vice-President XUE; Judges TOMKA, ABRAHAM, BENNOUNA, CAÑADO TRINDADE, GAJA, SEBUTINDE, BHANDARI, ROBINSON, CRAWFORD, GEVORGIAN, SALAM, IWASAWA; Judges ad hoc BROWER, MOMTAZ; Registrar COUVREUR.

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

After deliberation,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Article 79, paragraph 9, of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 14 June 2016, whereby the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter “Iran”) instituted proceedings against the United States of America (hereinafter the “United States”) with regard to a dispute concerning alleged violations by the United States of the Treaty of Amity, Economic Relations, and Consular Rights, which was signed by the two States in Tehran on 15 August 1955 and entered into force on 16 June 1957 (hereinafter the “Treaty of Amity”),

Having regard to the Order of 1 July 2016, whereby the Court fixed 1 February 2017 and 1 September 2017 as the respective time-limits for the filing of a Memorial by Iran and a Counter-Memorial by the United States,

Having regard to the Memorial of Iran filed within the time-limit thus fixed,

Having regard to the preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court and to the admissibility of the Application raised by the Government of the United States on 1 May 2017;

Whereas, under the provisions of Article 79, paragraph 5, of the Rules of Court, the filing of preliminary objections by the United States had the effect of suspending the proceedings on the merits;

Whereas the Court, by its Judgment of 13 February 2019, declared that it had jurisdiction to rule on the Application filed by Iran on 14 June 2016 — except with respect to Iran's claims relating to sovereign immunities and subject to the question of its jurisdiction to entertain Iran's claims of purported violations of Articles III, IV or V of the Treaty of Amity predicated on the treatment accorded to Bank Markazi, a question upon which the Court will only be able to rule in the following stage of the proceedings —, and that the said Application was admissible,

Fixes 13 September 2019 as the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the United States; 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 thirteenth day of February, two thousand and nineteen, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Government of the United States of America, respectively.

(*Signed*) Abdulqawi Ahmed YUSUF,
President.

(*Signed*) Philippe COUVREUR,
Registrar.
