

The following information, emanating from the Registry of the International Court of Justice, has been communicated to the Press :

As already announced, the General Assembly of the United Nations has asked the International Court of Justice for an advisory opinion regarding the conditions of admission of a State to membership in the United Nations (Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations).

In accordance with Article 66 of the Statute of the Court, Members of the United Nations had been notified, by means of an Order made by the President of the Court, that they might, as signatories of the Charter, submit a written statement on this question by February 9th, 1948. The following States have availed themselves of this right : Canada, Honduras, Yugoslavia, India, Salvador, Guatemala, China, Belgium, U.S.A., Australia, Ukraine S.S.R., Greece, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Iraq.

The President of the Court has now fixed April 15th, 1948, as the date for the opening of the oral proceedings in regard to this question and the Governments of States Members of the United Nations have been asked to inform the Registrar of the Court by April 8th, 1948, whether they intend to present oral statements on this occasion.

The Hague, 16th February, 1948.

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