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New cases submitted by Libya

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

The Court will, at 10 a.m. on Thursday 26 March 1992, open hearings on the requests for provisional measures filed by Libya on 3 March 1992 in cases against the United Kingdom and the United States concerning the interpretation or application of the 1971 Montreal Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, arising out of the crash of Pan Am flight 103 at Lockerbie (United Kingdom) on 21 December 1988. The hearings will be held in public in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace, The Hague.

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As reported in Press Communiqué 92/1 of 3 March 1992, Libya requested the Court to indicate the following measures:

- (a) To enjoin the United Kingdom and the United States respectively from taking any action against Libya calculated to coerce or compel Libya to surrender the accused individuals to any jurisdiction outside of Libya; and
- (b) to ensure that no steps are taken that would prejudice in any way the rights of Libya with respect to the legal proceedings that are the subject of Libya's Applications.

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NOTE FOR THE PRESS

1. The public sittings will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace. Members of the Press will be entitled to attend on presentation of an admission card, which may be obtained upon application. The tables reserved for them are situated on the far left of the public entrance of the courtroom.

2. Photographs may be taken before the opening and during the first five minutes of the sitting; also for a few minutes towards the end. Filming for cinema or television purposes is however subject to special authorization.

3. In the Press Room, located on the ground floor of the Peace Palace (Room 5), the Court's proceedings will be relayed through a loudspeaker.

4. Members of the Press may use only the public telephones in the Post Office in the basement of the Palace.

5. Mr. A. Th. Witteveen, Secretary of the Court (telephone extension 233) or, in his absence, Mrs. N.C. El-Erian (telephone extension 234), will be available to deal with any requests for information by members of the Press.
