



INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Peace Palace, 2517 KJ The Hague. Tel.(070-302 23 23).Cables: Intercourt, The Hague.

Telefax (070-364 99 28). Telex 32323.

Communiqué

unofficial
for immediate release

No. 96/5

15 February 1996

Case concerning the Land and Maritime Boundary between Cameroon and Nigeria (Cameroon v. Nigeria)

Request for the indication of provisional measures

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

On 12 February 1996, the Registry of the International Court of Justice received from the Republic of Cameroon a request for the indication of provisional measures in the above case, with reference to "serious armed incidents", which have taken place between Cameroonian and Nigerian forces in the Bakassi Peninsula beginning on 3 February 1996.

In its request Cameroon refers to the submissions made in its Application of 29 March 1994, supplemented by an Additional Application of 6 June of that year, as also summed up in its Memorial of 16 March 1995, and requests the Court to indicate the following provisional measures:

- "(1) the armed forces of the Parties shall withdraw to the position they were occupying before the Nigerian armed attack of 3 February 1996;
- (2) the Parties shall abstain from all military activity along the entire boundary until the judgment of the Court is given;
- (3) the Parties shall abstain from any act or action which might hamper the gathering of evidence in the present case".

*

In the main proceedings, the Court, by an Order of 10 January 1996, fixed 15 May 1996 as the time-limit within which Cameroon may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections relating to the jurisdiction of the Court and to the admissibility of the claims of Cameroon which Nigeria filed on 13 December 1995 (see Press Communiqué No. 96/1, of 11 January 1996).