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

On 1 December 1978, the Government of Tunisia notified to the Registry a Special Agreement concluded between Tunisia and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on 10 June 1977, which came into force on the date of the exchange of instruments of ratification, i.e., 27 February 1978. That Special Agreement submits to the Court a dispute between Tunisia and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya concerning the delimitation of the continental shelf between the two States.

Under Article 40, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Court, the notification of a Special Agreement is one method of bringing a case before the Court. In the present case, the Special Agreement provides that notification may be effected either by both parties or by either one of them; in fact Tunisia alone has done so.

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