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Applicability of Article VI, Section 22, of the Convention
on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations

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

As mentioned in Press Communiqué No. 89/8 of 26 May 1989 the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations adopted, on 24 May 1989, resolution 1989/75, which requested, on a priority basis, an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice:

"on the legal question of the applicability of Article VI, Section 22, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, in the case of Mr. Dumitru Mazilu as Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission [on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities]".

The letter from the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the request for an advisory opinion by the Economic and Social Council (see Article 104 of the Rules of Court) was received in the Registry of the Court on 13 June 1989.

The President of the Court, by an Order of 14 June, decided that the United Nations and the States which are parties to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations are likely to be able to furnish information on the question submitted to the Court (see Article 66, paragraph 2, of the Statute) and, bearing in mind that the request was expressed to be made "on a priority basis", fixed the time-limits in the case as follows:

- 31 July 1989 for the submission of written statements;
- 31 August 1989 for subsequent written comments on those statements.

The subsequent procedure is reserved for further decision.