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Present: President ABRAHAM; *Vice-President* YUSUF; *Judges* OWADA, BENNOUNA, CAÑADO TRINDADE, GREENWOOD, XUE, DONOGHUE, GAJA, SEBUTINDE, BHANDARI, ROBINSON, CRAWFORD, GEVORGIAN; *Registrar* COUVREUR.

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

After deliberation,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 31, 44, paragraph 1, and 48 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order of 11 April 2016, whereby the Court extended to 28 September 2016 the time-limit for the filing, by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, of a Memorial on the reparations which it considers to be owed to it by the Republic of Uganda, and for the filing, by the Republic of Uganda, of a Memorial on the reparations which it considers to be owed to it by the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

Having regard to the Memorials duly filed by the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Uganda within the time-limit thus extended;

Whereas, during a meeting held by the President of the Court on 22 November 2016 with the Agents of the Parties, the Co-Agent of the Democratic Republic of the Congo suggested that a maximum time-limit of twelve months be fixed for the preparation of the Parties' Counter-Memorials; whereas the Agent of the Republic of Uganda, referring to the period of fourteen months which the Democratic Republic of the Congo had had at its disposal for the preparation of its Memorial, and to the need for his country to translate that extremely voluminous pleading, requested a time-limit of sixteen months for the preparation of his Government's Counter-Memorial; and whereas the Co-Agent of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, whilst recalling that almost eleven years had passed since the delivery of the Judgment of 19 December 2005 and that the victims had since been waiting, indicated that he deferred to the decision of the Court;

Taking account of the views of the Parties, and conscious of the need to rule on the question of reparations without undue delay,

Fixes 6 February 2018 as the time-limit for the filing, by each Party, of a Counter-Memorial responding to the claims presented by the other Party in its Memorial; and

Reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in French and in English, the French text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this sixth day of December, two thousand and sixteen, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Government of the Republic of Uganda, respectively.

(Signed) Ronny ABRAHAM,
President.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,
Registrar.

Judge CANÇADO TRINDADE appends a separate opinion to the Order of the Court.

(Initialed) R.A.

(Initialed) Ph.C.