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**APPEAL RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE ICAO COUNCIL UNDER
ARTICLE II, SECTION 2, OF THE 1944 INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES
TRANSIT AGREEMENT**

(BAHRAIN, EGYPT AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES v. QATAR)

ORDER

The President of the International Court of Justice,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 31, 44, 45, paragraph 1, and 48 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 4 July 2018, instituting an appeal by the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Arab Republic of Egypt and the United Arab Emirates from the decision rendered by the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization on 29 June 2018 in proceedings commenced by the State of Qatar against these States on 30 October 2017 pursuant to Article II, Section 2 of the 1944 International Air Services Transit Agreement;

Whereas a signed copy of the Application was communicated to the State of Qatar on the day it was filed;

Whereas each Applicant State has appointed an Agent for the purposes of the proceedings; whereas the Kingdom of Bahrain has appointed H.E. Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, the Arab Republic of Egypt has appointed H.E. Mr. Amgad Abdel Ghaffar and the United Arab Emirates has appointed H.E. Mr. Saeed Ali Yousef Alnowais; and whereas the State of Qatar has appointed Dr. Mohammed Abdulaziz Al-Khulaifi as Agent;

Whereas, at a meeting held by the President of the Court with the Agents of the Parties on 23 July 2018, pursuant to Article 31 of the Rules of Court, the Applicants expressed the position that they wished to have at their disposal a minimum period of six months for the preparation of the Memorial; and whereas the Respondent indicated that it considered that a maximum period of three months for the preparation of the Memorial and Counter-Memorial, respectively, was appropriate;

Taking into account the views of the Parties,

Fixes the following time-limits for the filing of the written pleadings:

27 December 2018 for the Memorial of the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Arab Republic of Egypt and the United Arab Emirates;

27 May 2019 for the Counter-Memorial of the State of Qatar; and

Reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and in French, the English text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this twenty-fifth day of July, two thousand and eighteen, in five copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Governments of the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Arab Republic of Egypt and the United Arab Emirates, and to the Government of the State of Qatar, respectively.

(Signed) Abdulqawi Ahmed YUSUF,
President.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,
Registrar.
