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Present: President SCHWABEL; *Vice-President* WEERAMANTRY; *Judges* ODA, BEDJAoui, GUILLAUME, RANJEVA, HERCZEGH, SHI, FLEISCHHAUER, KOROMA, HIGGINS, PARRA-ARANGUREN, KOOIJMANS, REZEK; *Registrar* VALENCIA-OSPINA.

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

After deliberation,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Article 44 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Special Agreement between the two Parties, which was signed in Kuala Lumpur on 31 May 1997 and entered into force on 14 May 1998,

Having regard to the Order of 10 November 1998, whereby the Court, having regard to the provisions of Article 3, paragraph 2, of that Special Agreement, fixed at 2 November 1999 and 2 March 2000, respectively, the time-limits for the filing of a Memorial and of a Counter-Memorial by each of the Parties;

Whereas, on 18 August 1999, the Agents of the two Parties addressed to the Court a joint letter worded as follows:

“It is the Parties’ position that the existing four-month time-limit established in the Special Agreement for the simultaneous filing of the Counter-Memorials does not leave sufficient time for the Parties to address issues which may be raised in each Party’s Memorials. Accordingly, the Parties have agreed to request jointly a four-month extension for filing their Counter-Memorials until 2 July 2000, thus modifying the provisions of the Special Agreement. In all other respects, the Special Agreement remains unchanged, including the date for submission of Memorials.

The Parties would be grateful if the Court would take note of this joint request and thereby modify the Order for the filing of the Parties’ Counter-Memorials so as to reflect a filing date of 2 July 2000”;

Taking account of the agreement of the Parties,

Extends until 2 July 2000 the time-limit for the filing of a Counter-Memorial by each of the Parties; 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 fourteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of Malaysia, respectively.

(Signed) Stephen M. SCHWEBEL,
President.

(Signed) Eduardo VALENCIA-OSPINA,
Registrar.