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Present: President GUILLAUME; *Vice-President* SHI; *Judges* RANJEVA, HERCZEGH, FLEISCHHAUER, KOROMA, VERESHCHETIN, HIGGINS, PARRA-ARANGUREN, KOOIJMANS, REZEK, AL-KHASAWNEH, BUERGENTHAL, ELARABY; *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 and 79 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order of 8 September 2000, whereby the President of the Court extended until 23 March 2001 and 4 October 2002 respectively the time-limits for the filing of the Memorial of the Republic of Guinea and the Counter-Memorial of the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Having regard to the Memorial of the Republic of Guinea, filed within the time-limit as thus extended;

Whereas on 3 October 2002, within the time-limit fixed for the Counter-Memorial, the Democratic Republic of the Congo filed preli-

minary objections to the admissibility of the Application of the Republic of Guinea;

Whereas accordingly, by virtue of Article 79, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court adopted on 14 April 1978, the proceedings on the merits are suspended and a time-limit has to be fixed for the presentation by the other party of a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections;

Whereas, at a meeting held by the President with the representatives of the Parties on 5 November 2002, the Republic of Guinea indicated that it would need eight months for the preparation of that written statement, having regard in particular to the time required to gather all the relevant facts; and whereas the Democratic Republic of the Congo did not object to such a time-limit being fixed;

Taking account of the particular circumstances of the case and of the agreement of the Parties,

Fixes 7 July 2003 as the time-limit within which the Republic of Guinea may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections raised by the Democratic Republic of the Congo; 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 seventh day of November, two thousand and two, 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 Guinea and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, respectively.

(Signed) Gilbert GUILLAUME,
President.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,
Registrar.
