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ORDER

The President of the International Court of Justice,

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

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 17 October 2000, whereby the Democratic Republic of the Congo instituted proceedings against the Kingdom of Belgium in respect of a dispute concerning an “international arrest warrant issued on 11 April 2000 by a Belgian investigating judge . . . against the Minister for Foreign Affairs in office of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mr. Abdulaye Yerodia Ndombasi”,

Having regard to the Order of 8 December 2000 whereby the Court adjudicated upon the request for the indication of a provisional measure submitted by the Democratic Republic of the Congo on 17 October 2000, as adjusted at the hearings to take account in particular of the fact that on 20 November 2000 Mr. Yerodia Ndombasi “had ceased to exercise the functions of Minister for Foreign Affairs and been charged with those of Minister of Education”;

Whereas in that Order the Court stated that “it is desirable that the issues before the Court should be determined as soon as possible”, and that “it is therefore appropriate to ensure that a decision on the Congo’s Application be reached with all expedition”;

Whereas, at a meeting between the President of the Court and the

Agents of the Parties held on 8 December 2000, the Parties agreed that the written pleadings in this case would comprise, in that order, a Memorial of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and a Counter-Memorial of the Kingdom of Belgium, and that those pleadings would address both issues of jurisdiction and admissibility and the merits; and whereas at that same meeting the Parties also agreed on the time-limits for the filing of the said pleadings;

Taking account of the agreement of the Parties,

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

15 March 2001 for the Memorial of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

31 May 2001 for the Counter-Memorial of the Kingdom of Belgium;
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 thirteenth day of December, two thousand, 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 Kingdom of Belgium, respectively.

(Signed) Gilbert GUILLAUME,
President.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,
Registrar.