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## ORDER

*Present: President* GUILLAUME; *Vice-President* SHI; *Judges* ODA, BEDJAOUI, RANJEVA, HERCZEGH, FLEISCHHAUER, KOROMA, VERESHCHETIN, HIGGINS, PARRA-ARANGUREN, KOOLMANS, REZEK, AL-KHASAWNEH, BUERGENTHAL; *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 Article 44, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order of 8 December 2000, whereby the Court ruled on the request for the indication of provisional measures presented by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and in which it stated that "it [was] desirable that the issues before the Court should be determined as soon as possible" and that "it [was] therefore appropriate to ensure that a decision on the Congo's Application be reached with all expedition",

Having regard to the Order of 13 December 2000, whereby the President of the Court, taking account of the agreement of the Parties, fixed 15 March 2001 and 31 May 2001 respectively as the time-limits for the

filing of the Memorial of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Counter-Memorial of the Kingdom of Belgium;

Whereas, by a letter dated 5 March 2001 and received in the Registry on 6 March 2001, the Agent of the Democratic Republic of the Congo asked the Court to postpone until the second fortnight of April 2001 the time-limit for the filing of the Memorial, and indicated the reasons for that request; and whereas, on receipt of that letter, the Registrar, referring to Article 44, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court, transmitted a copy thereof to the Agent of Belgium;

Whereas, by a letter dated 12 March 2001 and received in the Registry on the same day by facsimile, the Deputy-Agent of Belgium indicated that her Government did not object to the extension of the time-limit sought by the Democratic Republic of the Congo and requested that the time-limit fixed for the filing of the Counter-Memorial be extended to 31 July 2001;

Taking account of the reasons given by the Democratic Republic of the Congo and of the agreement of the Parties,

*Extends* to 17 April 2001 the time-limit for the filing of the Memorial of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

*Extends* to 31 July 2001 the time-limit for the filing of 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 fourteenth day of March, two thousand and one, 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.

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