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**CASE CONCERNING THE ARREST WARRANT  
OF 11 APRIL 2000  
(DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO v. BELGIUM)**

**ORDER**

The President of the International Court of Justice,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Article 44, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order dated 14 March 2001, whereby the Court extended until 17 April 2001 and 31 July 2001 respectively 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 10 April 2001 received in the Registry on 11 April 2001 by facsimile, the Agent of the Democratic Republic of the Congo requested the Court to extend by 30 days 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 letter dated 12 April 2001 and received in the Registry on the same day by facsimile, the Agent of Belgium indicated that his Government was not opposed to the extension of the time-limit requested by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and requested that the time-limit fixed for the filing of the Counter-Memorial be extended until 17 September 2001;

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

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

*Extends* to 17 September 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 twelfth day of April, 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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