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ORDER

The President of the Chamber of the International Court of Justice formed to deal with the case concerning the *Frontier Dispute (Benin/Niger)*,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court, and to Articles 18, paragraph 3, 44 and 92 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Special Agreement signed by the Republic of Benin and the Republic of Niger on 15 June 2001 and having entered into force on 11 April 2002, by which the Governments of those two States agreed to submit to a Chamber of the Court a dispute concerning “the definitive delimitation of the whole boundary between them”,

Having regard to the Order of 27 November 2002, whereby the Court fixed 27 August 2003 as the time-limit for the filing of a Memorial by each of the Parties and the Order of 11 September 2003, whereby the President of the Chamber fixed 28 May 2004 as the time-limit for the filing of a Counter-Memorial by each of the Parties;

Whereas the Memorials and the Counter-Memorials of Benin and Niger have been filed within the above time-limits;

Whereas Article 3, paragraph 1 (*c*), of the above-mentioned Special Agreement provides for the filing of any other pleading as requested by either of the Parties and authorized by the Chamber, or as directed by the Chamber;

Whereas at a meeting between the President of the Chamber and the representatives of the Parties held on 2 July 2004, at which the views of

the Parties on the further procedure were ascertained, both Parties expressed the wish to be authorized to submit a third pleading and made known their views on the time-limit which should be fixed for that purpose;

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

Authorizes the filing of a Reply by each Party;

Fixes 17 December 2004 as the time-limit for the filing of those pleadings; 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 ninth day of July, two thousand and four, 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 Benin and the Government of the Republic of Niger, respectively.

(Signed) Gilbert GUILLAUME,
President of the Chamber.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,
Registrar.