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**Certain Criminal Proceedings in France (Republic of the Congo v. France)**

**Extension of time-limits for the filing of a Reply and a Rejoinder**

THE HAGUE, 13 December 2004. By an Order dated 8 December 2004, the President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) has extended the time-limits for the submission of a Reply by the Republic of the Congo and a Rejoinder by France in the case concerning Certain Criminal Proceedings in France (Republic of the Congo v. France).

In its Order the President of the Court fixed 10 January 2005 and 10 August 2005 as respective time-limits for the filing of these pleadings.

In a letter dated 2 December 2004 and received in the Registry on the same day by facsimile, the Agent of the Republic of the Congo referring to a decision of the First Prosecution Chamber of the Court of Appeal of Paris, handed down on 22 November 2004, of which he supplied a copy, had asked the Court, for the reasons explained in that letter, to postpone until 10 January 2005 the time-limit for the filing of the Reply of the Republic of the Congo.

The President adopted the Order taking account of the reasons given by the Republic of the Congo and of the agreement of the Parties.

**History of the proceedings**

For the history of the proceedings, see Press Communiqué 2003/21 on the Court's website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)). Click on "Docket" and then on the name of the case concerning Certain Criminal Proceedings in France (Republic of the Congo v. France).

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The full text of the Order will be available shortly on the Court's website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)). You are, however, reminded that the written pleadings remain confidential at least until the opening of the oral proceedings.

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