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## Press Release

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### **Pulp Mills on the River Uruguay** **(Argentina v. Uruguay)**

#### **The Court authorizes the submission of a Reply by Argentina and a Rejoinder by Uruguay and fixes time-limits for the filing of these pleadings**

THE HAGUE, 17 September 2007. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, has authorized the submission of a Reply by Argentina and a Rejoinder by Uruguay in the case concerning Pulp Mills on the River Uruguay (Argentina v. Uruguay).

In its Order dated 14 September 2007, the Court fixed 29 January 2008 and 29 July 2008 as the respective time-limits for the filing of these written pleadings.

The Court made its decision taking account of the agreement of the Parties and of the circumstances of the case. In its Order, it states that “at a meeting on 12 September 2007 between the President of the Court and the Agents of the Parties, the Agent of Argentina, referring inter alia to new developments in the case since the filing of the Memorial, the number of points still in dispute between the Parties after the first round of written pleadings and the need to submit new technical documents to the Court, requested the Court to authorize the filing of a Reply by the Applicant and of a Rejoinder by the Respondent”. The Court adds that “the Agent of Argentina requested a time-limit for the preparation of the Reply of approximately four months, starting from the date of the Court’s decision and expiring at the end of January 2008” and that “the Agent of Uruguay indicated that this proposal met with the approval of his Government, which requested a period of six months from the filing of the Reply for the preparation of its Rejoinder”. The Court further notes that “the Agent of Argentina gave the consent of her Government to such a time-limit.”

The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.

#### **History of the proceedings**

The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Release No. 2007/2 of 23 January 2007, available on the Court’s website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)).

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The full text of the Order will be available shortly on the Court's website. However, written pleadings remain confidential until the Court decides to make them accessible to the public, generally at the opening of the oral proceedings.

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