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**Application of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing
of Terrorism and of the International Convention on the Elimination
of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
(Ukraine v. Russian Federation)**

**Extension of the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial
of the Russian Federation**

THE HAGUE, 20 July 2020. By an Order dated 13 July 2020, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, extended from 8 December 2020 to 8 April 2021 the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the Russian Federation in the case.

The Order indicates that, “by a letter dated 8 June 2020, the Agents of the Russian Federation requested the Court to extend by twelve months the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial, explaining that the restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic had led to ongoing difficulties and related delays in the preparation of that pleading”.

It further states that, “by a letter dated 22 June 2020, the Agent of Ukraine indicated that his Government opposed the grant of any extension of the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial, explaining that the coronavirus-related restrictions currently in place did not justify the extension requested, and that an extension would be severely prejudicial to Ukraine and would unduly delay the resolution of the case by the Court”.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in paragraphs 176-191 of the Court’s Annual Report for 2018-2019, and press releases Nos. 2019/46 and 2019/50, available on the Court’s website (www.icj-cij.org).

The full text of the Order is also available on the Court’s website.

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