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*Present: President YUSUF; Vice-President XUE; Judges TOMKA, ABRAHAM, BENNOUNA, CAÑADO TRINDADE, DONOGHUE, GAJA, SEBUTINDE, BHANDARI, ROBINSON, CRAWFORD, GEVORGIAN, SALAM, IWASAWA; Judges ad hoc PILLAY, KRESS; Registrar GAUTIER.*

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

After deliberation,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Article 79*bis*, paragraphs 1 and 3, of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order of 23 January 2020, whereby the Court fixed 23 July 2020 and 25 January 2021 as the respective time-limits for the filing of the Memorial of the Republic of The Gambia and the Counter-Memorial of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar,

Having regard to the Order of 18 May 2020, whereby the Court extended to 23 October 2020 and 23 July 2021, respectively, the time-limits for the filing of the Memorial and the Counter-Memorial,

Having regard to the Memorial of the Republic of The Gambia filed within the time-limit thus extended;

Whereas, on 20 January 2021, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar filed preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court and the admissibility of the Application, and whereas a signed copy of those preliminary objections was immediately transmitted to the other Party;

Whereas, accordingly, by virtue of Article 79*bis*, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court, the proceedings on the merits are suspended and a time-limit has to be fixed for the presentation by the other Party of a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections;

Taking account of Practice Direction V, pursuant to which the time-limit for the presentation of such a written statement shall generally not exceed four months from the date of the filing of the preliminary objections,

*Fixes* 20 May 2021 as the time-limit within which the Republic of The Gambia may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections raised by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; and

*Reserves* the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and in French, the English text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this twenty-eighth day of January, two thousand and twenty-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 Republic of The Gambia and the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, respectively.

(*Signed*) Abdulqawi Ahmed YUSUF,  
President.

(*Signed*) Philippe GAUTIER,  
Registrar.