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Present: President BEDJAOUI; *Vice-President* SCHWEBEL; *Judges* ODA, Sir Robert JENNINGS, TARASSOV, GUILLAUME, SHAHABUDEEN, AGUILAR MAWDSLEY, WEERAMANTRY, RANJEVA, HERCZEGH, SHI, FLEISCHHAUER, KOROMA; *Registrar* VALENCIA-OSPINA.

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

After deliberation,

Makes the following Order:

Whereas on 29 March 1994 the Republic of Cameroon filed in the Registry of the Court an Application instituting proceedings against the Federal Republic of Nigeria in respect of a dispute described as relating essentially "to the question of sovereignty over the Bakassi Peninsula", and whereas the Court was thereby also requested to determine part of the maritime boundary between the two States;

Whereas the Federal Republic of Nigeria was on 29 March 1994 notified by the Registrar, by telex and by letter, of the filing of the Application, and a certified copy thereof was transmitted to it;

Whereas in the Application the Republic of Cameroon notified the Court of the appointment of H.E. Mr. Douala Moutome as Agent and of Mr. Maurice Kamto and Mr. Yana Peter Ntamark as Co-Agents;

Whereas by a letter dated 22 April 1994 the Federal Republic of Nigeria informed the Court of the appointment of H.E. Mr. Olu Onagoruwa as Agent and of H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Bindawa as Co-Agent;

Whereas by the same letter the Federal Republic of Nigeria notified the Court of its intention to choose Mr. Bola Ajibola to sit as judge *ad hoc* in the case; and whereas no objection to that appointment was raised by the other Party or appeared to the Court, and the Parties were so informed by the Registrar by a letter of 16 May 1994;

Whereas by a letter dated 5 May 1994 the Republic of Cameroon notified the Court of its intention to choose Mr. Kéba Mbaye to sit as judge *ad hoc* in the case; and whereas no objection to that appointment was raised by the other Party or appeared to the Court, and the Parties were so informed by the Registrar by a letter of 6 June 1994;

Whereas on 6 June 1994 the Republic of Cameroon filed in the Registry of the Court an Application additional to the Application filed on 29 March 1994, "for the purpose of extending the subject of the dispute" to a further dispute described as relating essentially "to the question of sovereignty over a part of the territory of Cameroon in the area of Lake Chad";

Whereas in the Additional Application the Republic of Cameroon requested the Court to specify definitively the frontier between Cameroon and Nigeria from Lake Chad to the sea, and requested the Court to join the two Applications "and to examine the whole in a single case";

Whereas on 7 June 1994 the Registrar informed the Agent of the Federal Republic of Nigeria of the filing of the Additional Application and transmitted to him a certified copy thereof;

Whereas at a meeting between the President and the representatives of the Parties held on 14 June 1994, the Agent of the Republic of Cameroon explained that it had not been the intention of his Government to present a separate Application, but that the Additional Application was intended rather as an amendment of the initial Application;

Whereas at that meeting the Agent of the Federal Republic of Nigeria indicated that his Government had no objection to the Additional Application being treated as an amendment to the initial Application, so that the Court could deal with the whole as one case; and whereas the Court sees no objection to such a procedure;

Whereas the Parties were, at the same meeting, consulted as to the time-limits to be fixed for written pleadings addressed to the subject-matter of the Application and of the Additional Application;

THE COURT,

Having ascertained the views of the Parties,

Fixes the following time-limits for the written proceedings:

16 March 1995 for the Memorial of the Republic of Cameroon;

18 December 1995 for the Counter-Memorial of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; 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 sixteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-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 Cameroon and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, respectively.

(Signed) Mohammed BEDJAOU,
President.

(Signed) Eduardo VALENCIA-OSPINA,
Registrar.
