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Present: President SCHWEBEL; *Vice-President* WEERAMANTRY; *Judges* ODA, BEDJAOU, GUILLAUME, RANJEVA, HERCZEGH, SHI, FLEISCHHAUER, KOROMA, VERESHCHETIN, HIGGINS, PARRA-ARANGUREN, KOIJMANS; *Registrar* VALENCIA-OSPINA.

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

After deliberation,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 44 and 46 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Special Agreement between the Republic of Botswana and the Republic of Namibia, signed at Gaborone on 15 February 1996 and notified jointly to the Court on 29 May 1996, whereby the Parties submitted to the Court the dispute between them concerning the boundary around Kasikili/Sedudu Island and the legal status of the island,

Having regard to the Order of the Court dated 24 June 1996, fixing 28 February 1997 as the time-limit for the filing of a Memorial by each of the Parties and 28 November 1997 as the time-limit for the filing of a Counter-Memorial by each of the Parties, and reserving the subsequent procedure for further decision;

Whereas the Memorials and Counter-Memorials of the Parties were duly filed within the time-limits thus fixed;

Whereas in Article II, paragraph 2 (c), of the Special Agreement, the Parties agreed that the written pleadings in the case should include, in addition to the Memorials and Counter-Memorials, "such other . . . pleadings as may be approved by the Court at the request of either of the Parties, or as may be directed by the Court";

Whereas in a joint letter dated 16 February 1998 the Agents of the Parties notified the Court that their Governments had "jointly decided to request further written pleadings pursuant to Article II (2) (c) of the Special Agreement", those pleadings to be filed by 27 November 1998;

Taking into account the agreement between the Parties,

Fixes 27 November 1998 as the time-limit for the filing of a Reply by each of the Parties; 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-seventh day of February, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight, 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 Botswana and the Government of the Republic of Namibia, respectively.

(Signed) Stephen M. SCHWEBEL,
President.

(Signed) Eduardo VALENCIA-OSPINA,
Registrar.