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Request for Interpretation of the Judgment of 31 March 2004 in the Case concerning Avena and Other Mexican Nationals (Mexico v. United States of America) (Mexico v. United States of America)

The Court fixes the time-limit for the filing of written observations by the United States of America

THE HAGUE, 22 July 2008. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), principal judicial organ of the United Nations, has fixed 29 August 2008 as the time-limit for the filing by the United States of America of written observations on the Request for Interpretation of the Judgment of 31 March 2004 in the Case concerning Avena and Other Mexican Nationals (Mexico v. United States of America) (Mexico v. United States of America) submitted by Mexico on 5 June 2008.

The Court took this decision pursuant to Article 98, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court, after ascertaining the views of the Parties. It reserved the right, after the written observations of the United States of America have been filed, to afford the Parties the opportunity of furnishing further written explanations, as provided for in paragraph 4 of the aforementioned Article 98.

In its Order indicating provisional measures of 16 July 2008, the Court stated that it was “in the interest of both Parties that any difference of opinion as to the interpretation of the meaning and scope of their rights and obligations under paragraph 153 (9) of the Avena Judgment be resolved as early as possible”. It added that it was for the Court to ensure that a final judgment on the Request for interpretation was reached “with all possible expedition”.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Releases No. 2008/15 of 5 June 2008 and No. 2008/20 of 16 July 2008, available on the Court’s website (www.icj-cij.org).

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