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Present: President Guillaume; Vice-President Shi; Judges Ranjeva, Herczegh, Fleischhauer, Koroma, Higgins, Parra-Aranguren, Kooijmans, Rezek, Al-Khasawneh, Buergenthal, Elaraby; Registrar Couvreur.

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 31, 44, 45, paragraph 1, and 48 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 6 December 2001, whereby the Republic of Nicaragua instituted proceedings against the Republic of Colombia in respect of a dispute concerning "a group of related legal issues subsisting between the Republic of Nicaragua and the Republic of Colombia concerning title to territory and maritime delimitation";

Whereas on 6 December 2001 a certified copy of the Application was transmitted to the Republic of Colombia;

Whereas the Republic of Nicaragua has appointed as Agent H.E. Mr. Carlos J. Argüello Gómez; and whereas the Republic of Colombia has appointed as Agent H.E. Mr. Julio Londoño Paredes;

Whereas, at a meeting held by the President of the Court with the

Agents of the Parties on 20 February 2002, Nicaragua indicated that it wished to be allowed a period of one year for the preparation of its Memorial; whereas Colombia stated that it desired a period of 18 months from the filing of Nicaragua's Memorial for the preparation of its Counter-Memorial; and whereas Nicaragua indicated that it had no objection to the time-limit requested by Colombia,

Fixes the following time-limits for the filing of the written pleadings:

28 April 2003 for the Memorial of the Republic of Nicaragua;

28 June 2004 for the Counter-Memorial of the Republic of Colombia; 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-sixth day of February, two thousand and two, 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 Nicaragua and the Government of the Republic of Colombia, respectively.

(Signed) Gilbert Guillaume,
President.

(Signed) Philippe Couvreur,
Registrar.

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