

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

YEAR 2005

11 July 2005

CASE CONCERNING CERTAIN
CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
IN FRANCE(REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO *v.* FRANCE)

ORDER

The President of the International Court of Justice,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Article 44, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order of 29 December 2004, whereby the President of the Court extended to 11 July 2005 and 11 August 2006 respectively the time-limits for the filing of the Reply of the Republic of the Congo and the Rejoinder of the French Republic;

Whereas, in a letter dated 6 July 2005 and received in the Registry by facsimile on 7 July 2005, the Agent of the Republic of the Congo referred to the current state of judicial proceedings in France and the Congo, and asked the Court, for the reasons explained in his letter, to extend by six months the time-limit for the filing of the Reply of the Republic of the Congo; and whereas, on receipt of that letter, the Registrar transmitted a copy thereof to the Agent of the French Republic;

Whereas, by a letter dated 11 July 2005 and received in the Registry on the same day by facsimile, the Agent of the French Republic indicated that her Government did not object to the further extension of time sought by the Republic of the Congo, provided that the time-limit fixed for the filing of the Rejoinder be extended likewise;

Taking account of the reasons given by the Republic of the Congo and of the agreement of the Parties,

Extends to 11 January 2006 the time-limit for the filing of the Reply of the Republic of the Congo;

Extends to 10 August 2007 the time-limit for the filing of the Rejoinder of the French Republic; 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 eleventh day of July, two thousand and five, 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 Congo and the Government of the French Republic, respectively.

(*Signed*) SHI Jiuyong,
President.

(*Signed*) Philippe COUVREUR,
Registrar.
