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Present: President Higgins; Vice-President Al-Khasawneh; Judges Ranjeva, Shi, Parra-Aranguren, Buergenthal, Owada, Tomka, Abraham, Keith, Sepúlveda-Amor, Bennouna, Skotnikov; Registrar Couvreur.

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

After deliberation,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 31, 44, 45, paragraph 2, 48 and 49 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order of 13 July 2006, by which the Court fixed 15 January 2007 and 20 July 2007 as the time-limits for the filing, respectively, of the Memorial of the Argentine Republic and the Counter-Memorial of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay,

Having regard to the Memorial and the Counter-Memorial duly filed by the Parties within those time-limits;

Whereas, at a meeting on 12 September 2007 between the President of the Court and the Agents of the Parties, the Agent of Argentina, referring *inter alia* to new developments in the case since the filing of the Memorial, the number of points still in dispute between the Parties after the first round of written pleadings and the need to submit new technical docu-

ments to the Court, requested the Court to authorize the filing of a Reply by the Applicant and of a Rejoinder by the Respondent; and whereas the Agent of Argentina requested a time-limit for the preparation of the Reply of approximately four months, starting from the date of the Court's decision and expiring at the end of January 2008; whereas at the same meeting the Agent of Uruguay indicated that this proposal met with the approval of his Government, which requested a period of six months from the filing of the Reply for the preparation of its Rejoinder; whereas the Agent of Argentina gave the consent of her Government to such a time-limit;

Taking account of the agreement of the Parties and of the circumstances of the case,

Authorizes the submission of a Reply by Argentina and a Rejoinder by Uruguay;

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

- 29 January 2008 for the Reply of the Argentine Republic;
- 29 July 2008 for the Rejoinder of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay; 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 fourteenth day of September, two thousand and seven, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Argentine Republic and the Government of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay, respectively.

(Signed) Rosalyn Higgins,
President.

(Signed) Philippe Couvreur,
Registrar.