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Present: President Higgins; Vice-President Al-Khasawneh; Judges Shi, Koroma, Parra-Aranguren, Buergenthal, Owada, Simma, Tomka, Keith, Sepúlveda-Amor, Bennouna, Skotnikov; 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 16 January 2008, whereby the Republic of Peru instituted proceedings against the Republic of Chile in respect of a dispute concerning, on the one hand, "the delimitation of the boundary between the maritime zones of the two States in the Pacific Ocean, beginning at a point on the coast called Concordia . . . the terminal point of the land boundary established pursuant to the Treaty . . . of 3 June 1929" and, on the other, the recognition in favour of Peru of a "maritime zone lying within 200 nautical miles of Peru's coast" and which should thus appertain to it, "but which Chile considers to be part of the high seas";

Whereas on 16 January 2008 a certified copy of the Application was transmitted to the Republic of Chile;

Whereas the Republic of Peru has appointed H.E. Mr. Allan Wagner as Agent and H.E. Mr. Jorge Chávez Soto as Co-Agent; and whereas the

Republic of Chile has appointed H.E. Mr. A. Van Klaveren Stork as Agent and H.E. Ms María Teresa Infante and H.E. Mr. Juan Martabit as Co-Agents;

Whereas, at a meeting held by the President of the Court with the Agents of the Parties on 14 March 2008, the Agent of Peru referred to an exchange of views which had taken place between the Parties on the preparation of their written pleadings and the time required for that purpose, and indicated that his Government would be in a position to file its Memorial, at the earliest, at the beginning of March 2009; and whereas the Agent of Chile, for his part, requested a similar period of approximately one year, expiring in March 2010, for the preparation of the Counter-Memorial of his Government;

Taking into account the views of the Parties and the circumstances of the case,

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

- 20 March 2009 for the Memorial of the Republic of Peru;
- 9 March 2010 for the Counter-Memorial of the Republic of Chile; 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 thirty-first day of March, two thousand and 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 Peru and the Government of the Republic of Chile, respectively.

(Signed) Rosalyn Higgins,
President.

(Signed) Philippe Couvreur,
Registrar.

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