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Present: President HIGGINS; *Vice-President* AL-KHASAWNEH; *Judges* RANJEVA, SHI, KOROMA, PARRA-ARANGUREN, BUERGENTHAL, OWADA, TOMKA, ABRAHAM, KEITH, 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 31 March 2008, whereby the Republic of Ecuador instituted proceedings against the Republic of Colombia in respect of a dispute concerning “Colombia’s aerial spraying of toxic herbicides at locations near, at and across its border with Ecuador” which “has already caused serious damage to people, to crops, to animals, and to the natural environment on the Ecuadorian side of the frontier”;

Whereas on 31 March 2008 a certified copy of the Application was transmitted to the Republic of Colombia;

Whereas the Republic of Ecuador has appointed H.E. Mr. Diego Cordovez-Zegers as Agent and H.E. Mr. Rodrigo Riofrío Machuca as Co-Agent; and whereas the Republic of Colombia has appointed H.E.

Mr. Julio Londoño Paredes as Agent and H.E. Mr. Guillermo Fernández de Soto and H.E. Mr. Francisco José Lloreda Mera as Co-Agents;

Whereas at a meeting held by the President of the Court with the Agents of the Parties on 29 May 2008 the Agent of the Republic of Ecuador requested a time-limit of eleven months from the date of the meeting for the filing of the Memorial by his Government; and whereas the Agent of the Republic of Colombia indicated that his Government had no objection to that request being granted, provided that an equal period of time be granted for the preparation of the Counter-Memorial of Colombia;

Taking into account the views of the Parties,

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

29 April 2009 for the Memorial of the Republic of Ecuador;

29 March 2010 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 thirtieth day of May, 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 Ecuador and the Government of the Republic of Colombia, respectively.

(Signed) Rosalyn HIGGINS,
President.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,
Registrar.

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