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*Present: President OWADA; Vice-President TOMKA; Judges SHI, KOROMA, AL-KHASAWNEH, BUERGENTHAL, SIMMA, ABRAHAM, KEITH, SEPÚLVEDA-AMOR, BENNOUNA, SKOTNIKOV, CAÑADO TRINDADE, YUSUF, GREENWOOD; 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 and 79 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order of 2 December 2008, whereby the President of the Court fixed 2 September 2009 and 2 July 2010 as respective time-limits for the filing of a Memorial by Georgia and a Counter-Memorial by the Russian Federation,

Having regard to the Memorial of Georgia filed within the time-limit thus fixed;

Whereas, on 1 December 2009, the Russian Federation filed certain preliminary objections regarding jurisdiction;

Whereas, consequently, under the provisions of Article 79, paragraph 5, of the Rules of Court, the proceedings on the merits are suspended and a time-limit must be fixed within which the other Party may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections;

Whereas, duly consulted by the President of the Court in accordance with Article 31 of the Rules of Court, the Parties have agreed on a time-limit of four months from the filing of the preliminary objections for the presentation, by Georgia, of its written statement on those objections,

*Fixes* 1 April 2010 as the time-limit within which Georgia may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections raised by the Russian Federation; 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 December, two thousand and nine, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of Georgia and the Government of the Russian Federation, respectively.

*(Signed)* Hisashi OWADA,  
President.

*(Signed)* Philippe COUVREUR,  
Registrar.

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