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The President of the International Court of Justice,

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

Having regard to the Order of 2 February 2024, whereby the Court fixed 2 August 2024 as the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the Russian Federation;

Whereas, by a letter dated 25 July 2024, the Agent of the Russian Federation requested the Court to grant an extension of the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial until 2 February 2025; whereas, in his letter, the Agent stated that the scope of the proceedings in the case had changed significantly following the Judgment rendered by the Court on 2 February 2024 on the preliminary objections presented by the Russian Federation; whereas the Agent referred to the complexity of the case, which raised issues of fact involving voluminous evidence, including witness evidence from persons residing in areas affected by ongoing armed conflict; whereas the Agent further referred to parallel proceedings between the Parties in other fora and to the number of declarations of intervention filed in the present case;

Whereas, on receipt of that letter, the Registrar immediately transmitted a copy thereof to Ukraine, in accordance with Article 44, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court;

Whereas, by a letter dated 29 July 2024, the Agent of Ukraine stated that his Government was of the view that the Court should reject the request of the Russian Federation; whereas, in particular, the Agent referred to the "legal interest" that Ukraine has under the Convention on the Prevention

and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide to have the Court resolve without delay the dispute concerning the Russian Federation's "false allegations of genocide against Ukraine"; whereas, according to the Agent, the Russian Federation has had ample time to collate evidence for the purposes of its Counter-Memorial; and whereas the Agent dismissed as lacking in substance the arguments made by the Russian Federation that it required additional time as a result of the parallel proceedings between the Parties in other fora and the number of declarations of intervention filed in the present case;

Taking into account the views of the Parties,

Extends to 16 September 2024 the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of 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 thirtieth day of July, two thousand and twenty-four, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Russian Federation, respectively.

(Signed) Nawaf SALAM, President.

(Signed) Philippe GAUTIER, Registrar.