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AFFAIRE DU SUD-OUEST AFRICAIN  
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ORDONNANCE DU 13 JANVIER 1961

This Order should be cited as follows:

*“South West Africa case (Ethiopia v. Union of South Africa),  
Order of 13 January 1961: I.C.J. Reports 1961, p. 3.”*

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La présente ordonnance doit être citée comme suit:

*« Affaire du Sud-Ouest africain (Éthiopie c. Union sud-africaine),  
Ordonnance du 13 janvier 1961: C. I. J. Recueil 1961, p. 3. »*

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## ORDER

The President of the International Court of Justice,

having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Article 37 of the Rules of Court;

Whereas, by letter dated 28 October 1960 received in the Registry on 4 November 1960, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia forwarded to the Registrar a letter transmitting on behalf of the Ethiopian Government an Application instituting proceedings and relating to a dispute between Ethiopia and the Union of South Africa concerning the interpretation and application of the Mandate for South West Africa;

Whereas, in his letter, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia stated that Dr. Tesfaye Gebre-Egzy and Mr. Ernest A. Gross had been appointed Agents by his Government;

Whereas the Application refers to Article 80, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations and founds the jurisdiction of the Court on Article 7 of the Mandate for South West Africa made at Geneva on 17 December 1920, and on Article 37 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice;

Whereas, on 4 November 1960, a copy of the Application was communicated to the Chargé d'affaires *a.i.* of the Union of South Africa in the Netherlands;

Whereas, on 15 December 1960, the Chargé d'affaires *a.i.* of the Union of South Africa handed over to the Registrar a letter from

the Minister of External Affairs of the Union of South Africa dated 3 December 1960 notifying the appointment of Dr. Joan Philip Verloren van Themaat as Agent;

Having ascertained the views of the Parties,

fixes as follows the time-limits for the filing of Pleadings:

for the Memorial of the Ethiopian Government, 15 April 1961;

for the Counter-Memorial of the Government of the Union of South Africa, 15 December 1961;

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 thirteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of Ethiopia and to the Government of the Union of South Africa, respectively.

*(Signed)* Helge KLAESTAD,  
President.

*(Signed)* GARNIER-COIGNET,  
Registrar.