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ORDER

The senior judge, acting President of the International Court of Justice under Article 13, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and Article 44, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order of 30 March 1998, whereby the Court, taking into account the views of the Parties, fixed 30 December 1998 as the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the United Kingdom;

Whereas, by letter dated 8 December 1998, the Agent of the United Kingdom referred to recent diplomatic initiatives and invited the Court to consider a possible suspension or prolongation, for a fixed period, of the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of his Government; and whereas, on receipt of that letter, the Deputy-Registrar transmitted a copy thereof to the Agent of Libya;

Whereas, by letter dated 14 December 1998, the Agent of Libya indicated that his Government objected, for reasons stated in that letter, to any suspension or prolongation of the time-limit;

Taking into account the preliminary exchange of views held by the Court on the matter,

Extends to 31 March 1999 the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the United Kingdom; 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 seventeenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-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 Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, respectively.

(*Signed*) Shigeru ODA,
Senior Judge.

(*Signed*) Eduardo VALENCIA-OSPINA,
Registrar.