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**ORDONNANCE**

**IMMUNITÉS ET PROCÉDURES PÉNALES**  
**(GUINÉE ÉQUATORIALE c. FRANCE)**



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**5 APRIL 2017**

**ORDER**

**INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE**

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*Present:* Vice-President YUSUF, Acting President; President ABRAHAM; Judges OWADA, TOMKA, BENNOUNA, CANÇADO TRINDADE, GREENWOOD, XUE, DONOGHUE, GAJA, SEBUTINDE, BHANDARI, ROBINSON, CRAWFORD, GEVORGIAN; 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 Article 79, paragraphs 1 and 5, of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order of 1 July 2016, whereby the Court fixed 3 January 2017 and 3 July 2017 as the respective time-limits for the filing of a Memorial by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and a Counter-Memorial by the French Republic,

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

Whereas, on 31 March 2017, France raised certain preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court;

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;

Taking account of Practice Direction V, according to which the time-limit for the presentation of such a written statement shall generally not exceed four months from the date of the filing of preliminary objections,

*Fixes* 31 July 2017 as the time-limit within which the Republic of Equatorial Guinea may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections raised by the French Republic; and

*Reserves* the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in French and in English, the French text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this fifth day of April, two thousand and seventeen, 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 Equatorial Guinea and the Government of the French Republic, respectively.

(Signed) Abdulqawi Ahmed YUSUF,  
Vice-President.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,  
Registrar.

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