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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 40 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order of 22 June 1973 by which the Court (*inter alia*) fixed 21 September 1973 as time-limit for the Memorial of the Government of Australia and 21 December 1973 as time-limit for the Counter-Memorial of the French Government on the questions of the jurisdiction of the Court to entertain the dispute and of the admissibility of the Application,

Whereas, by a letter dated 10 August 1973, the Co-Agent of Australia, for the reasons therein set out, requested the extension of the time-limit for the filing of the Memorial to 21 December 1973;

Whereas, by a further letter dated 13 August 1973, the Co-Agent of Australia indicated that an extension of the time-limit for the filing of the Memorial to 23 November 1973 would suffice;

Whereas copies of the said letters were transmitted to the French Government which was invited to communicate its views to the Court;

Whereas by an oral communication of 23 August 1973, confirmed by letter the same day, from the Chargé d'affaires *ad interim* of France in the

Netherlands, the French Government has stated that, having disclaimed the jurisdiction of the Court in the case, it cannot express any view on the request of the Government of Australia;

Extends to 23 November 1973 the time-limit for the filing of the Memorial of the Government of Australia;

Extends to 19 April 1974 the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the French Government;

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 twenty-eighth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of Australia and to the French Government respectively.

(Signed) Manfred LACHS,
President.

(Signed) S. AQUARONE,
Registrar.