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## ORDER

The Vice-President of the International Court of Justice, Acting President,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 31 and 79 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order of 30 June 1999, whereby the Court fixed 5 January 2000 and 5 July 2000 as the time-limits for the filing, respectively, of a Memorial by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and of a Counter-Memorial by the Kingdom of Belgium;

Whereas on 5 July 2000 Belgium filed certain preliminary objections to jurisdiction and admissibility;

Whereas accordingly, by virtue of Article 79, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court, the proceedings on the merits are suspended and a time-limit has to be fixed for the presentation by the other Party of a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections;

Whereas, at a meeting between the Vice-President, Acting President, and the Agents of the Parties, held on 6 September 2000, Yugoslavia indicated that it would require nine months for the preparation of that written statement; and whereas Belgium did not object to such a time-limit being fixed, but stressed that it expected that Yugoslavia would provide specific answers to the preliminary objections made by the Belgian Government.

Taking account of the views of the Parties and the special circumstances of the case,

*Fixes* 5 April 2001 as the time-limit within which the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections made by the Kingdom of Belgium; 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 eighth day of September, two thousand, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, respectively.

*(Signed)* SHI Jiuyong,  
Vice-President.

*(Signed)* Philippe COUVREUR,  
Registrar.

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