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Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters **(Belgium v. Switzerland)**

Extension of time-limits for filing the initial written pleadings

THE HAGUE, 24 August 2010. The President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), principal judicial organ of the United Nations, has extended the time-limits for filing the initial written pleadings in the case concerning Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters (Belgium v. Switzerland).

By Order of 10 August 2010, the President, at the Belgian Government's request and after having ascertained the views of the Government of the Swiss Confederation, has extended the time-limits for filing the Kingdom of Belgium's Memorial and the Swiss Confederation's Counter-Memorial to 23 November 2010 and 24 October 2011, respectively.

The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Releases Nos. 2009/36 and 2010/2, available on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org) under the headings "Press Room" and "Cases".

The full text of the Court's Order will be available shortly on the Court's website. You are, however, reminded that written pleadings remain confidential until the Court decides to make them accessible to the public, generally at the opening of the oral proceedings.

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