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CASE CONCERNING CERTAIN PROPERTY

(LIECHTENSTEIN v. GERMANY)

ORDER

Present: President Guillaume; *Vice-President* Shi; *Judges* Oda, Ranjeva, Fleischhauer, Koroma, Vereshchetin, Higgins, Parra-Aranguren, Kooijmans, Rezek, Al-Khasawneh, Buergenthal; *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 Articles 31, 44, 45 and 48 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 1 June 2001, whereby the Principality of Liechtenstein instituted proceedings against the Federal Republic of Germany relating to a dispute concerning "decisions of Germany, in and after 1998, to treat certain property of Liechtenstein nationals as German assets having been 'seized for the purposes of reparation or restitution, or as a result of the state of war' - i.e., as a consequence of World War II -, without ensuring any compensation for the loss of that property to its owners, and to the detriment of Liechtenstein itself";

Whereas on 1 June 2001 a certified copy of the Application was transmitted to the Federal Republic of Germany;

Whereas the Principality of Liechtenstein has appointed as Agent His Excellency Mr. Alexander Goepfert; and whereas the Federal Republic of Germany has appointed as Agents Mr. Gerhard Westdickenberg and His Excellency Mr. Eberhard U. B. von Puttkamer;

Whereas, at a meeting held by the President of the Court with the Agents of the Parties on 25 June 2001, the Agent of Liechtenstein, citing the complexity of the case, stated that the Government of Liechtenstein wished to be allowed a period of between nine and ten months to prepare its Memorial; and whereas the Agent of Germany indicated that this proposal was acceptable to his Government and that the latter, while reserving the right to

raise preliminary objections, wished to have the same time for the preparation of its Counter-Memorial as that accorded to Liechtenstein;

Whereas the time-limit to be fixed by the Court for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of Germany is without prejudice to the possible application of Article 79, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Court, in its version applicable with effect from 1 February 2001;

Taking account of the agreement of the Parties,

Fixes the following time-limits for the filing of the written pleadings:

28 March 2002 for the Memorial of the Principality of Liechtenstein;

27 December 2002 for the Counter-Memorial of the Federal Republic of Germany; 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 twenty-eighth day of June two thousand and one, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, respectively.

(Signed) Gilbert Guillaume,
President.

(Signed) Philippe Couvreur,
Registrar.
