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*Present: President* SHI; *Vice-President* RANJEVA; *Judges* KOROMA, VERESHCHETIN, HIGGINS, PARRA-ARANGUREN, KOOLJMANS, REZEK, AL-KHASAWNEH, BUERGENTHAL, ELARABY, OWADA, SIMMA, TOMKA; *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 and 79 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order of 26 February 2002, whereby the Court fixed 28 April 2003 and 28 June 2004 as the time-limits for the filing, respectively, of a Memorial by the Republic of Nicaragua and a Counter-Memorial by the Republic of Colombia,

Having regard to the Memorial of Nicaragua, which was filed within the time-limit thus fixed;

Whereas on 21 July 2003 the Republic of Colombia filed certain preliminary objections to jurisdiction;

Whereas accordingly, by virtue of Article 79, paragraph 5, 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 President of the Court and the Agents of the Parties held on 17 September 2003, Nicaragua stated that it desired a period of four months, from the date of the Order to be adopted, for the preparation of its written statement; and whereas Colombia indicated its agreement to such a time-limit;

Taking account of the agreement of the Parties,

*Fixes* 26 January 2004 as the time-limit within which the Republic of Nicaragua may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections made by the Republic of Colombia; 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-fourth day of September, two thousand and three, 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 Nicaragua and the Government of the Republic of Colombia, respectively.

(Signed) SHI Jiuyong,  
President.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,  
Registrar.