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Certain Criminal Proceedings in France (Republic of the Congo v. France)

Further extension of time-limits for the filing of a Reply and a Rejoinder

THE HAGUE, 3 January 2005. The President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) has again extended the time-limits for the submission of a Reply by the Republic of the Congo and a Rejoinder by France in the case concerning Certain Criminal Proceedings in France (Republic of the Congo v. France).

By an Order of 29 December 2004, the President of the Court fixed 11 July 2005 and 11 August 2006 as the respective time-limits for the filing of these pleadings.

In a letter dated 21 December 2004, the Agent of the Republic of the Congo, referring to an appeal in cassation lodged against a judgment of the First Examining Chamber of the Paris Court of Appeal handed down on 22 November 2004, asked the Court to extend by six months, as from 10 January 2005, the time-limit for the filing of his country's Reply. In a letter dated 28 December 2004, the Agent of the French Republic indicated that his Government did not object to the further extension of time sought.

The President of the Court adopted the Order taking account of the reasons given by the Republic of the Congo and of the agreement of the Parties.

The Court had initially fixed 10 December 2004 and 10 June 2005 as the respective time-limits for the filing of the above-mentioned pleadings. On 8 December 2004, its President already agreed to postpone those time-limits to 10 January 2005 and 10 August 2005 at the request of the Republic of the Congo.

History of the proceedings

For the history of the proceedings, see Press Release 2003/21 on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org). Click on "Docket" and then on the name of the case concerning Certain Criminal Proceedings in France (Republic of the Congo v. France).

The full text of the Order will be available shortly on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org). You are, however, reminded that the written pleadings remain confidential at least until the opening of the oral proceedings.

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