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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, 13 July 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 11 July 2005, the President of the Court fixed 11 January 2006 and 10 August 2007 as the respective time-limits for the filing of these pleadings.

In a letter dated 6 July 2005, the Agent of the Republic of the Congo, referring to the current status of the judicial proceedings in France and in the Congo, asked the Court, for the reasons set out in the letter, to extend by six months the time-limit for the filing of the Reply of the Republic of the Congo. In a letter dated 11 July 2005, the Agent of the French Republic indicated that her Government did not object to the further extension of time sought, provided that the time-limit for the filing of the Rejoinder be similarly extended.

The Court initially fixed 10 December 2004 and 10 June 2005 as the respective time-limits for the filing of the Reply and the Rejoinder. Its President already agreed to postpone those time-limits twice 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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