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## ORDER

*Present: Vice-President YUSUF, Acting President; President ABRAHAM; Judges OWADA, TOMKA, CANÇADO TRINDADE, GREENWOOD, XUE, DONOGHUE, GAJA, SEBUTINDE, BHANDARI, ROBINSON, CRAWFORD, GEVORGIAN; 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, 32, 44, 45, paragraph 1, 48 and 49 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 13 June 2016, whereby the Republic of Equatorial Guinea instituted proceedings against the French Republic with regard to a dispute concerning “the immunity from criminal jurisdiction of the Second Vice-President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea in charge of Defence and State Security [Mr. Teodoro Nguema Obiang Mangue], and the legal status of the building which houses the Embassy of Equatorial Guinea in France, both as premises of the diplomatic mission and as State property”;

Whereas a signed copy of the Application was communicated to France on the day it was filed;

Whereas Equatorial Guinea has appointed H.E. Mr. Carmelo Nvono

Nca as Agent; and whereas France has appointed Mr. François Alabrune as Agent;

Whereas, at a meeting held by the Vice-President of the Court with the Agents of the Parties on 29 June 2016, the Agent of Equatorial Guinea indicated that his Government wished to have at its disposal a period of six months from the date of the present Order for the preparation of its Memorial; and whereas the Agent of France indicated that his Government would agree to a period of six months for the preparation of its Counter-Memorial;

Taking into account the agreement of the Parties,

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

3 January 2017 for the Memorial of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea;  
and

3 July 2017 for the Counter-Memorial of the French Republic;

*Reserves* the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in French and in English, the French text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this first day of July, two thousand and sixteen, 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 Equatorial Guinea and the Government of the French Republic, respectively.

*(Signed)* Abdulqawi Ahmed YUSUF,  
Vice-President.

*(Signed)* Philippe COUVREUR,  
Registrar.