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*Present:* *President* IWASAWA; *Vice-President* SEBUTINDE; *Judges* TOMKA, ABRAHAM, XUE, BHANDARI, NOLTE, CHARLESWORTH, BRANT, GÓMEZ ROBLEDÓ, CLEVELAND, AURESCU, TLADI; *Registrar* GAUTIER.

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, paragraph 1, and 48 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 16 May 2025, whereby the French Republic (hereinafter “France”) instituted proceedings against the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter “Iran”) with regard to a dispute concerning alleged violations by the latter of its obligations under Article 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963 in the context of the arrest, detention and trial of French nationals in Iran;

Whereas certified copies of the Application were communicated to Iran on the day it was filed;

Whereas the Applicant and the Respondent have each appointed an Agent and a Co-Agent for the purposes of the proceedings; whereas France has appointed Mr Diégo Colas as Agent and Ms Sandrine Barbier as Co-Agent and Iran has appointed Mr Tavakol Habibzadeh as Agent and Mr Mohammad Saleh Attar as Co-Agent;

Whereas, on 10 July 2025, a meeting was held by the President of the Court with the representatives of the Parties, pursuant to Article 31 of the Rules of Court, in order to ascertain the views of their Governments with regard to the time-limits for the filing of the initial written pleadings in the case;

Whereas, at this meeting, the Co-Agent of France stated that her Government was deeply concerned that irreparable harm may be suffered by Ms Cécile Kohler and Mr Jacques Paris, who remained detained in unacceptable conditions in Iran; whereas she noted that information had emerged about fresh charges being brought, which could lead to the death penalty if confirmed; whereas the Co-Agent considered that the grave nature of the situation of the two above-mentioned French nationals constituted special circumstances warranting the fixing of short time-limits in the case; and whereas she indicated that a period of three months would be appropriate for the preparation by each Party of its initial written pleading;

Whereas the Co-Agent of Iran stated that his Government wished to have at its disposal a period of 12 to 15 months for the preparation of the Counter-Memorial; and whereas the Co-Agent explained that his Government was simultaneously engaged in the preparation of written and oral pleadings in five other cases pending before the Court, including two cases which were ready for hearing, placing significant demands on Iran in terms of time and resources;

Taking into account the views of the Parties,

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

2 December 2025 for the Memorial of the French Republic;

17 April 2026 for the Counter-Memorial of the Islamic Republic of Iran; 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 seventeenth day of July, two thousand and twenty-five, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, respectively.

*(Signed)* IWASAWA Yuji,  
President.

*(Signed)* Philippe GAUTIER,  
Registrar.

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