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ORDER

The President of the International Court of Justice,

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 26 June 2026, whereby the Democratic Republic of the Congo instituted proceedings against the Republic of Rwanda (hereinafter “Rwanda”) with regard to a dispute concerning alleged violations of human rights by Rwanda on the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

Whereas a signed original of the Application was communicated to Rwanda 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 the Democratic Republic of the Congo has appointed HE Mr Christian Ndongala Nkuku as Agent and Mr Ivon Mingashang as Co-Agent, and Rwanda has appointed HE Mr Emmanuel Ugirashebuja as Agent and HE Mr Lambert Dushimimana as Co-Agent;

Whereas, on 20 July 2026, 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 their views with regard to the time-limits for the filing of the initial written pleadings in the case;

Whereas, at the meeting, the Co-Agent of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, referring to the complex nature and the scope of the case, including the fact that it concerns events spanning a period of 30 years and that a variety of legal instruments have been invoked as the basis of the Court's jurisdiction, requested the Court to accord the Applicant 12 months to file its Memorial;

Whereas, at the same meeting, counsel for Rwanda emphasized that it was essential for the Respondent to understand the entire case against it before being required to answer, and that the Memorial of the Applicant should thus cover all aspects of its claims, including, *inter alia*, a comprehensive account of the facts and the question of any alleged reparation due; and whereas, in light of the anticipated scope of the Memorial, counsel asked the Court to grant the Respondent 18 months to prepare its Counter-Memorial;

Taking into account the views of the Parties,

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

4 October 2027 for the Memorial of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

4 December 2028 for the Counter-Memorial of the Republic of Rwanda; and

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 fourth day of August, two thousand and twenty-six, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda, respectively.

(Signed) IWASAWA Yuji,
President.

(Signed) Sergey PUNZHIN,
Principal Legal Secretary,
Acting Registrar.
