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**(ÎLES MARSHALL *c.* ROYAUME-UNI)**

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The President of the International Court of Justice,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Article 79 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 24 April 2014, whereby the Republic of the Marshall Islands instituted proceedings against the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with regard to alleged breaches of obligations relating to the cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament;

Whereas, following a meeting that the President of the Court held with the representatives of the Parties on 11 June 2014, the Court, by Order of 16 June 2014, taking into account the views of the Parties, fixed 16 March 2015 and 16 December 2015, respectively, as the time-limits for the filing of a Memorial by the Republic of the Marshall Islands and a Counter-Memorial by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

Whereas the Memorial of the Republic of the Marshall Islands was filed on 16 March 2015; whereas on 15 June 2015, i.e., within the three-month time-limit provided for in Article 79, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Court, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, referring to that provision, raised certain preliminary objections in the case; and whereas these were immediately communicated to the Republic of the Marshall Islands;

Whereas, consequently, under the provisions of Article 79, paragraph 5, of the Rules of Court, the proceedings on the merits are suspended and a time-limit must be fixed within which the Applicant may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections;

Whereas Practice Direction V stipulates that the time-limit for the presentation of a written statement on preliminary objections shall generally not exceed four months from the date of the filing of such objections;

Whereas, by a letter dated 17 June 2015, the Co-Agent of the Republic of the Marshall Islands requested that the Applicant be granted the four-month period provided for in the above-mentioned Practice Direction for the presentation of its written statement; and whereas there is reason to accede to this request,

*Fixes* 15 October 2015 as the time-limit within which the Republic of the Marshall Islands may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections raised by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; 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 nineteenth day of June, two thousand and fifteen, 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 the Marshall Islands and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, respectively.

(Signed) Ronny ABRAHAM,  
President.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,  
Registrar.

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