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Present: President ABRAHAM; Vice-President YUSUF; Judges OWADA, TOMKA, BENNOUNA, CANÇADO TRINDADE, GREENWOOD, XUE, DONOGHUE, GAJA, SEBUTINDE, BHANDARI, ROBINSON, GEVORGIAN; Judges ad hoc DAUDET, ARBOUR; 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 Article 79, paragraph 9, of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 24 April 2013, whereby the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia instituted proceedings against the Republic of Chile with respect to a dispute “relating to Chile’s obligation to negotiate in good faith and effectively with Bolivia in order to reach an agreement granting Bolivia a fully sovereign access to the Pacific Ocean”,

Having regard to the Order of 18 June 2013, whereby the Court, taking into account the agreement of the Parties that each should be granted a period of ten months for the preparation of its written pleading, fixed 17 April 2014 and 18 February 2015, as, respectively, the time-limits

for the filing of a Memorial by the Plurinational State of Bolivia and a Counter-Memorial by the Republic of Chile,

Having regard to the Memorial of the Plurinational State of Bolivia filed within the time-limit thus fixed,

Having regard to the preliminary objection to the jurisdiction of the Court raised by the Government of the Republic of Chile on 15 July 2014;

Whereas the filing of the preliminary objection by the Republic of Chile had the effect, under Article 79, paragraph 5, of the Rules of Court, of suspending the proceedings on the merits;

Whereas, by a Judgment dated 24 September 2015, the Court found that it had jurisdiction, on the basis of Article XXXI of the Pact of Bogotá, to entertain the Application filed by the Plurinational State of Bolivia on 24 April 2013,

Fixes 25 July 2016 as the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the Republic of Chile; 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 twenty-fourth day of September, 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 Plurinational State of Bolivia and the Government of the Republic of Chile, respectively.

(Signed) Ronny ABRAHAM,
President.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,
Registrar.

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