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CERTAINS ACTIFS IRANIENS

(RÉPUBLIQUE ISLAMIQUE D'IRAN c. ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE)

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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 44, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order dated 13 February 2019, whereby the Court fixed 13 September 2019 as the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the United States of America;

Whereas, by a letter dated 29 July 2019, the Agent of the United States of America requested the Court to extend until 31 October 2019 the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial, and indicated the reasons for that request; whereas the Agent explained that his Government required more preparation time as a result of the “significant overlap in personnel” working on the current case and the case concerning *Alleged Violations of the 1955 Treaty of Amity, Economic Relations, and Consular Rights (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)*, in which the United States intended to make preliminary objections; whereas the Agent also noted that “the short window between the deadlines” in the two cases was “the result of Iran’s request for more time to complete its Memorial” in the latter case, which the United States had not opposed; and whereas, on receipt of that letter, the Registrar, referring to Article 44, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court, transmitted a copy thereof to the Agent of the Islamic Republic of Iran;

Whereas, by a letter dated 14 August 2019, the Co-Agent of the Islamic Republic of Iran indicated, *inter alia*, that “[i]n Iran’s view, none of the reasons advanced by the United States can warrant the extension of the U.S. time-limit under Article 44 (3) of the Rules of Court”; and whereas, the Co-Agent stated, in particular, that the United States could not invoke the “overlap in personnel working on both cases”, given that the proceedings were independent of each other and it was the decision of the United States to make preliminary objections in the case concerning *Alleged Violations of the 1955 Treaty of Amity, Economic Relations, and Consular Rights (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)*;

Taking into account the views of the Parties,

Extends to 14 October 2019 the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the United States of America; 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 fifteenth day of August, two thousand and nineteen, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Government of the United States of America, respectively.

(Signed) Abdulqawi Ahmed YUSUF,
President.

(Signed) Philippe GAUTIER,
Registrar.
