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Application of the Interim Accord of 13 September 1995 (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia v. Greece)

The Court authorizes the submission of a Reply by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and a Rejoinder by Greece, and fixes time-limits for the filing of these pleadings

THE HAGUE, 16 March 2010. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, has authorized the submission of a Reply by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and a Rejoinder by the Hellenic Republic in the case concerning Application of the Interim Accord of 13 September 1995 (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia v. Greece).

By an Order of 12 March 2010, the Court fixed 9 June 2010 and 27 October 2010 as the respective time-limits for the filing of these written pleadings.

The Court observed that the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia wished to be able to respond to the Counter-Memorial of the Hellenic Republic, including the objections to jurisdiction and admissibility contained therein, by means of a Reply, and to have available for that purpose a time-limit of approximately four and a half months as from the filing of the Counter-Memorial. It further noted that the Government of the Hellenic Republic had no objection to the granting of this request, in so far as it could in turn submit a Rejoinder and had an identical time-limit available for that purpose.

The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Releases 2008/40 of 17 November 2008 and 2009/6 of 22 January 2009, available on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org).

The full text of the Court's Order will be available shortly on the Court's website. However, written pleadings remain confidential until the Court decides to make them accessible to the public, generally at the opening of the oral proceedings.

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