



ICJ (INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE)

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE 1955 TREATY OF AMITY, ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND
CONSULAR RIGHTS (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN V. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

ORDER

21 July 2021

Tribunal:

[Kirill Gevorgian](#) (Vice-President); [Georg Nolte](#) (Judge); [Yūji Iwasawa](#) (Judge); [Nawaf Salam](#) (Judge);
[Patrick L. Robinson](#) (Judge); [Dalveer Bhandari](#) (Judge); [Julia Sebutinde](#) (Judge); [Hanqin Xue](#) (Judge);
[Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf](#) (Judge); [Antônio A. Cançado Trindade](#) (Judge); [Mohamed Bennouna](#) (Judge);
[Ronny Abraham](#) (Judge); [Peter Tomka](#) (Judge); [Charles N. Brower](#) (Judge Ad-hoc); [Djamchid Momtaz](#)
(Judge Ad-hoc)

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- [1]. The International Court of Justice,
Composed as above,

After deliberation,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Article 44, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order dated 3 February 2021, whereby the Court fixed 20 September 2021 as the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the United States of America;

- [2]. Whereas, by a letter dated 9 June 2021, the Agent of the United States of America requested the Court to extend to 21 December 2021 the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial, explaining that over the past three months, the United States of America had been engaged in negotiations regarding "the potential for a mutual return to compliance by both the United States and Iran with their respective commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action", and that the outcome of these negotiations had "direct and substantial bearing" on the content of the Counter-Memorial; whereas, the Agent added that key individuals working on the preparation of the Counter-Memorial had also been involved in the negotiations, resulting in practical challenges for the drafting of the Counter-Memorial; and whereas, upon receipt of this letter, the Registrar transmitted a copy thereof to the Agent of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in accordance with Article 44, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court;

- [3]. Whereas, by a letter dated 22 June 2021, the Co-Agent of the Islamic Republic of Iran expressed the disagreement of his Government with the request for an extension of the time-limit, stating that the outcome of the negotiations had no bearing on the current proceedings before the Court and noting that the practical challenges referred to by the Agent of the United States of America could not be invoked in view of the fact that the United States of America had had the Memorial of the Islamic Republic of Iran at its disposal for more than two years; and whereas the Co-Agent expressed concern that any extension of the time-limit would lead to an "imbalance between the Parties on the time used for the preparation" of their respective written pleadings;

- [4]. Taking into account the views of the Parties,
Extends to 22 November 2021 the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the United States of America; and

Reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

- [5]. Done in French and in English, the French text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this twenty-first day of July, two thousand and twenty-one, 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.