

the Court that the Commonwealth of Dominica '[did] not wish to continue with the proceedings issued against Switzerland' and requested the Court to make an Order removing the case from the General List. By order of 9 June 2006 the Court removed the case from the List.¹²⁷

11. Pulp Mills on the River Uruguay (*Argentina v Uruguay*)

On 4 May 2006, Argentina instituted proceedings against Uruguay alleging breaches by Uruguay of obligations incumbent upon it under the Statute of the River Uruguay, a treaty dated 26 February 1975 between Argentina and Uruguay.¹²⁸ Public hearings concerning Argentina's request for provisional measures took place on 8 and 9 June 2006.¹²⁹ By order of 13 July 2006, the Court found that the circumstances as presented to it were not such as to require the exercise of its power to indicate provisional measures.¹³⁰ By a further order of the same date, the Court set the following time limits for submission of written pleadings: Argentina, memorial, 15 January 2007; Uruguay, counter-memorial, 20 July 2007.¹³¹ On 29 November 2006, Uruguay submitted a request for the indication of provisional measures.¹³² Public hearings on this request took place on 18 and 19 December 2006.¹³³ By order of 23 January 2007, the Court found that the circumstances as presented to it were not such as to require the exercise of its power to indicate provisional measures.¹³⁴

12. Certain Questions of Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (*Djibouti v France*)

On 10 January 2006, the Republic of Djibouti seized the jurisdiction of the Court in a dispute with France relating to the alleged violation by France of its international obligations in respect of mutual assistance in criminal matters. The Republic of Djibouti based its action on Article 38, paragraph 5 of the Rules of Court.¹³⁵ By a letter dated 25 July 2006 the French Republic consented to the jurisdiction of the Court to entertain the Application and the case was entered on the General List.¹³⁶ By order of 15 November 2006 the following time limits were set for submission of written pleadings: Djibouti, memorial, 15 March 2007; France, counter-memorial, 13 July 2007.¹³⁷

III. OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

1. On 8 February 2007 the Court re-elected Mr. Philippe Couvreur as Registrar of the International Court of Justice for a term of seven years.¹³⁸

2. On 18 April 2007 the Republic of Rwanda applied to the Court in a dispute with the Republic of France concerning the issuing of international arrest warrants by the judicial authorities of France against three Rwandan officials and in relation to a request by France sent to the United Nations Secretary-General that President Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda should stand trial at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Rwanda seeks to found the jurisdiction of the Court on Article 38, paragraph 5 of the Rules of Court. To that end, the application has been forwarded to France and no further action will be taken unless and until France consents to jurisdiction of the Court in the matter.¹³⁹

¹²⁷ *ibid* No 2006/23.

¹³⁰ *ibid* No 2006/28.

¹³³ *ibid* No 2006/44.

¹³⁶ *ibid* No 2006/32.

¹³⁹ *ibid* No 2007/11.

¹²⁸ *ibid* No 2006/17.

¹³¹ *ibid* No 2006/29.

¹³⁴ *ibid* No 2007/2.

¹³⁷ *ibid* No 2006/39.

¹²⁹ *ibid* No 2006/22.

¹³² *ibid* No 2006/40.

¹³⁵ *ibid* No 2006/1.

¹³⁸ *ibid* No 2007/5.