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## JUDGMENT SUMMARY

### HOUNGUE ÉRIC NOUDEHOUEYOU V. REPUBLIC OF BENIN

APPLICATION No. 001/2022-INT.

#### JUDGMENT ON JURISDICTION AND ADMISSIBILITY

5 SEPTEMBER 2023

#### A DECISION OF THE AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

**Arusha, 5 September 2023:** The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (hereinafter referred to as “the Court”) has, this day, rendered a Judgment in the case of *Houngue Éric Noudehouenou v. Republic of Benin*.

On 3 October 2022, Mr. Houngue Eric Noudehouenou (hereinafter referred to as “the Applicant”) filed an Application before the Court seeking interpretation of the inadmissibility judgment rendered by the Court on 22 September 2022 in the case of *Houngue Eric Noudéhouenou v. Republic of Benin* (Application No. 004/2020).

The Applicant asserts that in the judgment of 22 September 2022, interpretation of which is solicited, the Court upheld the non-exhaustion of local remedies objection of the Republic of Benin (hereinafter referred to as the “Respondent State”) and declared the Application inadmissible on the grounds set out in paragraphs 53, 60, 62 and 63 of that judgment. He requested interpretation of this judgment by posing eight (8) questions. The Respondent State did not file observations on the request for interpretation.

Ruling on its jurisdiction, the Court declared that it has jurisdiction under Article 28(2)(4) of the Protocol.

On admissibility of the Application, the Court, after examining the conditions of admissibility set forth in Rule 77(1)(2) of the Rules, held that the Application was filed within twelve (12) months from the date of notification of the judgment and indicated the point of the Operative Part, interpretation of which is requested. The Court, however, considered that the third condition was not met, the Operative Part of the judgment is clear and there is no difficulty in understanding it. The Court therefore ruled that the request for interpretation was inadmissible.

The Court decided that each Party should bear its own costs.

**Further information:**

Further information on this case, including the full text of the African Court's judgment, is available on the website: <https://www.african-court.org/cpmt/en/details-case/0042020>

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