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Present: President GUILLAUME; *Vice-President* SHI; *Judges* ODA, BEDJAOUI, RANJEVA, FLEISCHHAUER, KOROMA, VERESHCHETIN, HIGGINS, PARRA-ARANGUREN, KOOIJMANS, REZEK, BUERGENTHAL; *Registrar* COUVREUR.

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 31, 44, 45, paragraph 1, and 48 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 8 December 1999, whereby the Republic of Nicaragua instituted proceedings against the Republic of Honduras in respect of a dispute concerning the delimitation of the maritime zones appertaining to each of those States in the Caribbean Sea;

Whereas on 8 December 1999 a certified copy of the Application was transmitted to the Republic of Honduras;

Whereas the Republic of Nicaragua has appointed as Agent H.E. Mr. Carlos Argüello Gómez, Ambassador; and whereas the Republic of Honduras has appointed as Agent H.E. Mr. Max Velásquez Díaz, Ambassador;

Whereas, at a meeting held by the President of the Court with representatives of the Parties on 4 February 2000, the Agent of Nicaragua indicated that, to prepare its Memorial, his Government wished to be allowed a period of nine months from the date of the Court's Order; and whereas the representative of Honduras stated that he had received no authority to express the views of his Government on this matter;

Whereas, by letter of 21 February 2000, the Agent of Honduras informed the Court that his Government proposed that the two Parties should be allowed successive periods of twelve months to prepare their initial written pleadings; and whereas, by letter of 10 March 2000, the Agent of Nicaragua informed the Court that his Government had no objection to that proposal;

Taking into account the agreement of the Parties,

Fixes the following time-limits for the filing of the written pleadings:

21 March 2001 for the Memorial of the Republic of Nicaragua;

21 March 2002 for the Counter-Memorial of the Republic of Honduras; 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 twenty-first day of March two thousand, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua and the Government of the Republic of Honduras, respectively.

(Signed) Gilbert GUILLAUME,
President.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,
Registrar.