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### **Dispute regarding Navigational and Related Rights** **(Costa Rica v. Nicaragua)**

### **The Court authorizes the submission of a Reply by Costa Rica and a Rejoinder by Nicaragua and fixes time-limits for the filing of these pleadings**

THE HAGUE, 12 October 2007. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, has authorized the submission of a Reply by Costa Rica and a Rejoinder by Nicaragua in the case concerning the Dispute regarding Navigational and Related Rights (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua).

In its Order dated 9 October 2007, the Court fixed 15 January 2008 and 15 July 2008 as the respective time-limits for the filing of these written pleadings.

The Court made its decision taking account of the agreement of the Parties and of the circumstances of the case. In its Order, it states that “at a meeting on 27 September 2007 between the President of the Court and the Agents of the Parties, the Agents of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, referring, *inter alia*, to the need for the further elaboration of certain points which were still in dispute between the Parties after the first round of written pleadings, and to the fact that Costa Rica wished to present new information and documents, stated that their Governments had agreed to request the Court to authorize the filing of a Reply by the Applicant and of a Rejoinder by the Respondent”. The Court adds that the Agents argued that their Governments “had agreed on time-limits for the filing of those pleadings”, namely 15 January and 15 July 2008 respectively.

The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.

#### History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Releases No. 2005/20 of 29 September 2005 and No. 2005/24 of 2 December 2005, available on the Court’s website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)).

The full text of the 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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