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*Present: President OWADA; Vice-President TOMKA; Judges KOROMA, AL-KHASAWNEH, SIMMA, ABRAHAM, KEITH, SEPÚLVEDA-AMOR, SKOTNIKOV, CAÑADO TRINDADE, YUSUF, GREENWOOD, XUE, DONOGHUE; Registrar COUVREUR.*

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

After deliberation,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 31, 44, 45, paragraph 1, 48 and 49 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 18 November 2010, whereby the Republic of Costa Rica instituted proceedings against the Republic of Nicaragua in respect of a dispute concerning certain activities carried out by Nicaragua in the border area,

Having regard to the request for the indication of provisional measures submitted by Costa Rica on the same date, and the Order by which the Court indicated provisional measures on 8 March 2011;

Whereas, at a meeting held by the President of the Court with the representatives of the Parties on 29 March 2011, the latter expressed the

views of their respective Governments regarding the time-limits that were necessary to prepare the first round of written pleadings; whereas the Co-Agent of Costa Rica requested a time-limit for the preparation of the Memorial of six months, starting from the date of the Court's decision; and whereas the Agent of Nicaragua indicated that his Government requested a period of twelve months from the filing of the Memorial for the preparation of its Counter-Memorial, but was ready to accept that a shorter time-limit be fixed for the filing of each Party's written pleading, provided that the period be more than six months;

Taking account of the views of the Parties,

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

5 December 2011 for the Memorial of the Republic of Costa Rica;

6 August 2012 for the Counter-Memorial of the Republic of Nicaragua; 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 fifth day of April, two thousand and eleven, 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 Costa Rica and the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua, respectively.

*(Signed)* Hisashi OWADA,  
President.

*(Signed)* Philippe COUVREUR,  
Registrar.

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