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Military and Paramilitary Activities in and against Nicaragua
(Nicaragua v. United States of America)

The following information is made available to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

The time-limit of 29 July 1988 fixed for the filing by the United States of America of a Counter-Memorial on the question of the form and amount of reparation to be made to Nicaragua, following the Court's Judgment of 27 June 1986 in the above case, has lapsed without the receipt of any communication from the Government of the United States. Nicaragua's Memorial was filed on 29 March 1988.

The subsequent procedure has been reserved by the Court for further decision. No additional information will be made available until the next communiqué on the subject.

The background of the proceedings is detailed below.

In an Order of 18 November 1987 the Court referred to the Judgment delivered by the Court on 27 June 1986 by which it found (inter alia) that the United States of America was under an obligation to make reparation to the Republic of Nicaragua for all injury caused to Nicaragua by certain breaches of obligations under customary international law and treaty-law committed by the United States of America. In that Judgment the Court decided that the form and amount of such reparation, failing agreement between the Parties, would be settled by the Court, and reserved, for that purpose, the subsequent procedure in the case.

After having ascertained the views of the Government of Nicaragua and having afforded the Government of the United States of America an opportunity of stating its views, the Court fixed the time-limits indicated above for written pleadings on the question of the form and amount of reparation to be made in the case and reserved the subsequent procedure for further decision.

By a letter dated 13 November 1987, the Deputy-Agent of the United States had informed the Registrar that the United States remained of the view that the Court was without jurisdiction to entertain the dispute and that the Nicaraguan Application was inadmissible