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

Closure of hearing

The following information is communicated to the press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

Between 8 and 18 October 1984 the Court heard the arguments put forward on behalf of, first, the Government of Nicaragua and, subsequently, the Government of the United States of America on the questions of the Court's jurisdiction to entertain the dispute and of the admissibility of the Application filed by Nicaragua against the United States. The hearing is now concluded.

Nicaragua's case on those questions was presented at four public sittings on 8, 9 and 10 October 1984 (see Press Communiqué No. 84/33). That of the United States was presented at four public sittings on 15 and 16 October 1984 by the Agent of the United States, the Hon. Davis R. Robinson, by Mr. Patrick M. Norton as Deputy-Agent and Counsel, and by the following Counsel: Professors Myres S. McDougal, Louis B. Sohn and John Norton Moore.

On 17 and 18 October 1984, respectively, each Government put forward at a public sitting its replies to the oral arguments of its opponent. H.E. Mr. Carlos Argüello Gómez, as Agent, and Mr. Paul S. Reichler, as Counsel and Advocate, presented Nicaragua's reply; the Hon. Davis R. Robinson, as Agent, and Mr. Patrick M. Norton, as Deputy-Agent and Counsel, presented that of the United States.

At the conclusion of the arguments of his Government, each Agent read out its final submissions.

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The Court will now proceed to its deliberation on the questions concerned. The press will in due course be informed of the date upon which it will deliver its decision.

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A list of those who appeared for the respective Parties before the Court is given below.

The Government of Nicaragua was represented as follows:

Agent and Counsel:

H.E. Mr. Carlos Argüello Gómez, Ambassador of Nicaragua;

Counsel and Advocates:

Mr. Ian Brownlie, Q.C., F.B.A., Chichele Professor of Public International Law in the University of Oxford; Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford;

Hon. Abram Chayes, Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law, Harvard Law School; Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences;

Mr. Alain Pellet, professeur à l'Université de Paris-Nord et à l'Institut d'études politiques de Paris;

Mr. Paul S. Reichler, Reichler and Appelbaum, Washington, D.C.; Member of the Bar of the United States Supreme Court; Member of the Bar of the District of Columbia;

Counsel:

Mr. Augusto Zamora Rodriguez, Legal Adviser to Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Nicaragua;

Ms. Judith C. Appelbaum, Reichler and Appelbaum, Washington, D.C.; Member of the Bar of the District of Columbia and the State of California;

Mr. Paul W. Kahn, Reichler and Appelbaum, Washington, D.C.; Member of the Bar of the District of Columbia.

The Government of the United States of America was represented as follows:

Agent and Counsel:

Hon. Davis R. Robinson, Legal Adviser,
United States Department of State;

Deputy-Agents and Counsel:

Mr. Daniel W. McGovern, Principal Deputy
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