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The President of the International Court of Justice,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Article 44 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Order of 21 April 1989 by which time-limits for the written proceedings on the merits were fixed as follows: 19 September 1989 for the Memorial of Nicaragua and 19 February 1990 for the Counter-Memorial of Honduras,

Whereas by letters dated 15 August 1989 and 16 August 1989 respectively the Agent of Nicaragua and the Agent of Honduras brought to the notice of the Court certain agreements reached by the Presidents of the Central American countries (including the Parties to the present case) at a meeting in Tela, Honduras, from 5 to 7 August 1989;

Whereas the Agent of Nicaragua stated in his letter that in one of those agreements Nicaragua had committed itself *inter alia* to requesting a postponement of the time-limit for submission of its Memorial on the merits and that his Government, in compliance with this commitment, requested the fixing of a new date for the filing of its Memorial and, in view of the terms of the said agreement, proposed that such new date be 8 December 1989;

Whereas the Government of Honduras, having been afforded an opportunity, in accordance with Article 44, paragraph 3, of the Rules of

Court, to state its view on the request of Nicaragua, informed the Court, by a letter from its Agent dated 22 August 1989, that it welcomed the request and had no observations to make on it;

Whereas in the circumstances brought to the Court's attention by the Parties the request for extension of the time-limit for the filing of the Memorial may be granted while reserving the question of extension of the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial;

Extends to 8 December 1989 the time-limit for the filing by the Republic of Nicaragua of a Memorial on the merits in the case;

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 thirty-first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, 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) José María RUDA,
President.

(Signed) Eduardo VALENCIA-OSPINA,
Registrar.