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*Present: President* RUDA; *Judges* ODA, AGO, SCHWEBEL, Sir Robert JENNINGS, BEDJAOUI, EVENSEN, TARASSOV, GUILLAUME, SHAHABUDEEN, PATHAK; *Registrar* VALENCIA-OSPINA.

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

After deliberation,

*Makes the following Order:*

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,

Having regard to the Order of 31 August 1989 by which the President of the Court, at the request of Nicaragua, extended to 8 December 1989 the time-limit for the Memorial of Nicaragua on the merits; and

Whereas the Memorial of Nicaragua was duly filed within the time-limit as so extended;

Whereas when the Order of 31 August 1989 was adopted the question of extension of the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of Honduras was reserved;

Whereas by a letter dated 13 December 1989 and received in the Registry the same day, the Agent of Nicaragua transmitted to the Court a copy of an agreement in Spanish reached by the Presidents of the Central American countries on 12 December 1989 in San Isidro de Coronado, Costa Rica, and drew the attention of the Court in particular to paragraph 13 of that agreement;

Whereas by a letter dated 13 December 1989 and received in the Registry on 14 December 1989, the Agent of Honduras similarly informed the Court of the agreement of 12 December 1989 and referred in particular to paragraph 13 thereof;

Whereas that paragraph records the agreement of the President of Nicaragua and the President of Honduras, in the context of arrangements aimed at achieving an extra-judicial settlement of the dispute which is the subject of the present proceedings, to instruct their Agents in the case to communicate immediately, either jointly or separately, the agreement to the Court, and to request the postponement of the date for the fixing of the time-limit for the presentation of the Counter-Memorial of Honduras until 11 June 1990;

Whereas that paragraph further provides that if no extra-judicial settlement of the dispute has been reached by that date, either Party may request that Honduras be granted six months for the filing of its Counter-Memorial;

Taking into account the agreement of the Parties, in accordance with Article 44, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Court,

THE COURT,

Unanimously,

*Decides* that the time-limit for the filing by the Republic of Honduras of a Counter-Memorial on the merits is extended from 19 February 1990 to a date to be fixed by an order to be made after 11 June 1990.

Done in English and in French, the English text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this fourteenth day of December, 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.