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Border and Transborder Armed Actions  
(Nicaragua v. Honduras)

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

By an Order dated 22 October 1986 the Court, taking account of the agreement reached between the Parties, has decided that the written proceedings should first be confined to the issues of jurisdiction and admissibility, and has fixed the following time-limits for the filing of the pleadings:

- Memorial of Honduras: 23 February 1987
- Counter-Memorial of Nicaragua: 22 June 1987

The Order reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

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On 28 July 1986 Nicaragua instituted proceedings against Honduras by means of an Application which refers to border incidents and armed attacks, of increasing frequency and intensity since 1980, organized by contras on its territory from the territory of Honduras, and which also refers to assistance having been given to the contras by the armed forces of Honduras, to direct participation by the latter in military attacks against Nicaragua, and to threats by the Government of Honduras to use force against it.

On the basis of the facts set out in its Application, Nicaragua holds that Honduras is legally responsible for breaching various obligations arising under international law, and requests the Court to find accordingly. It also requests the Court to state that Honduras has a duty to cease all such acts as may constitute these breaches, and that it is under an obligation towards Nicaragua to make reparation for all injury caused to the latter by the violations of which it is accused.

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Nicaragua and Honduras have each appointed Agents pursuant to the Rules of Court. The Agent of Nicaragua is His Excellency Mr. Carlos Argüello Gómez, Ambassador of Nicaragua to the Netherlands; the Agent of Honduras is His Excellency Mr. Mario Carías, Ambassador of Honduras to the Netherlands.

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