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*Present: President RUDA; Judges ELIAS, ODA, AGO, SCHWEBEL, Sir Robert JENNINGS, BEDJAoui, NI, EVENSEN, TARASSOV, GUILLAUME, SHAHABUDDEEN, PATHAK; Registrar VALENCIA-OSPINA.*

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

After deliberation,

*Makes the following Order:*

Having regard to Articles 31 and 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 17 and 35 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Special Agreement concluded on 24 May 1986 between the Republic of El Salvador and the Republic of Honduras for the submission of a land, island and maritime frontier dispute between the two States to a chamber of the Court consisting of three Members of the Court and two judges *ad hoc* chosen by the Parties,

Having regard to the notifications made by the Parties of the choice by them of judges *ad hoc*, namely the choice by El Salvador on 7 March 1987 of Mr. Nicolas Valticos, and the choice by Honduras on 8 April 1987 of Mr. Michel Virally,

Having regard to the Order made by the Court on 8 May 1987 whereby it decided to accede to the request of the Governments of El Salvador and Honduras to form a special chamber of five judges to deal with the case, and further declared that at an election held on 4 May 1987 Judges Oda, Sette-Camara and Sir Robert Jennings were elected to form, with the judges *ad hoc* chosen by the Parties, a chamber to deal with the case, and that accordingly such a Chamber was duly constituted by the Order, composed of Judges Oda, Sette-Camara and Sir Robert Jennings, and Judges *ad hoc* Valticos and Virally; and

Whereas Judge *ad hoc* Virally died on 27 January 1989;

Whereas by letter dated 9 February 1989 the Agent of Honduras informed the Court that his Government had chosen Mr. Santiago Torres Bernárdez to sit as judge *ad hoc* in place of the late Judge *ad hoc* Virally;

Whereas pursuant to Article 35, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court a copy of the letter of 9 February 1989 from the Agent of Honduras was on 13 February 1989 communicated by the Registrar to the Agent of El Salvador, who was requested to furnish such observations as the Government of El Salvador might wish to make;

Whereas after a number of communications had been addressed to the Court by both Parties, the Agent of El Salvador informed the Court of the final position of his Government by a letter received in the Registry on 30 October 1989 from which it appears that El Salvador has no objection to the choice of Mr. Torres Bernárdez;

Whereas no objection to that choice appears to the Court itself,

THE COURT,

Unanimously,

*Declares* that the Chamber formed to deal with this case is composed as follows: Judge Sette-Camara, President of the Chamber; Judges Oda and Sir Robert Jennings; Judges *ad hoc* Valticos and Torres Bernárdez.

Done in English and in French, the English text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this thirteenth 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 El Salvador and the Government of Honduras, respectively.

*(Signed)* José María RUDA,  
President.

*(Signed)* Eduardo VALENCIA-OSPINA,  
Registrar.

Judge SHAHABUDEEN appends a separate opinion to the Order of the Court.

*(Initialed)* J.M.R.  
*(Initialed)* E.V.O.

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