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Land, Island and Maritime Frontier Dispute
(El Salvador/Honduras)

Filing of Memorials

The following information is made available to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

Today, 1 June 1988, the Memorials of El Salvador and Honduras in the above case were filed in the Registry of the International Court of Justice, within the time-limit fixed by the Court having regard to the terms of the Special Agreement by which the case was submitted.

The occasion was marked by the presence of the Ministers for External Relations of both countries, namely H.E. Mr. Ricardo Peralta (El Salvador) and H.E. Mr. Carlos López Contreras (Honduras).

Under the Special Agreement, the Governments of El Salvador and Honduras requested the Court to form a Chamber to deal with the case, a request acceded to on 8 May 1987, and specified their joint views on the timing of the proceedings. The composition of the Chamber is as follows:

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| Judges | Sette-Camara, President of the Chamber |
| | Shigeru Oda |
| | Sir Robert Jennings |
| Judges <u>ad hoc</u> | Nicolas Valticos |
| | Michel Virally |

The next step in the written proceedings is to consist in the filing of Counter-Memorials by 1 February 1989. This time limit was fixed by the Chamber, taking account of the terms of the Special Agreement.