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

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

The public hearings held by the Chamber of the Court dealing with the case concerning the Land, Island and Maritime Frontier Dispute (El Salvador/Honduras; Nicaragua intervening), which opened on Monday 15 April 1991, were concluded on Friday 14 June 1991.

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Honduras and El Salvador addressed the Chamber in first and second rounds of oral argument on the following topics: general questions (15 to 23 April); six disputed segments of the land frontier between El Salvador and Honduras (24 April to 28 May); the legal situation of the islands in the Gulf of Fonseca (28 to 31 May); the legal régime of the waters of that Gulf (3 to 6 June); the legal situation in regard to waters outside the Gulf (10 to 13 June).

The statements on behalf of Honduras were made by H.E. Mr. R. Valladares Soto, Agent; Messrs. Daniel Bardonnet, Derek W. Bowett, René-Jean Dupuy, Pierre-Marie Dupuy, Julio González Campos, Luis Ignacio Sánchez Rodríguez, Alejandro Nieto and Paul De Visscher, Advocates and Counsel.

The statements on behalf of El Salvador were made by H.E. Dr. José Manuel Pacas Castro, Minister for Foreign Relations, Counsel and Advocate; Dr. Alfredo Martínez Moreno, Agent and Counsel; Prof. Dr. Eduardo Jiménez de Aréchaga, Dr. Keith Highet, Dr. Elihu Lauterpacht, Prof. Prosper Weil and Dr. Francisco Roberto Lima, Counsel and Advocates; and Mr. Anthony J. Oakley, Counsellor.

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El Salvador presented a witness, Mr. Avilés Domínguez. The witness was examined by Dr. Keith Highet and cross-examined by Mr. Luis Ignacio Sánchez Rodríguez of Honduras, on 30 May.

On 14 June the Agents of both Parties presented the final Submissions of their respective Governments.

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Nicaragua submitted its observations with respect to the subject-matter of its intervention on 7 June. On 10 June Honduras and El Salvador presented their respective observations thereon; and on 13 June Nicaragua made its final presentation.

The statements on behalf of Nicaragua were made by H.E. Mr. Enrique Dreyfus Morales, Minister for Foreign Affairs; H.E. Mr. Carlos Argüello Gómez, Agent and Counsel, and Mr. Ian Brownlie, Counsel and Advocate.

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The oral arguments now having been completed, the Chamber will begin to consider its Judgment. The date of the public sitting at which the Judgment is to be read will be announced in an ensuing Press Communiqué.