



MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES  
REPUBLICA DE EL SALVADOR, C.A.

SECRETARIA DE ESTADO  
DGL No. 000273

San Salvador, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1990.

Dear Sir:

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 14 December 1989, informing the Parties to the Case concerning the Land, Island and Maritime Frontier Dispute (El Salvador/Honduras) that the Court has decided to afford the two Parties the opportunity to express their views, at this stage, on the preliminary question whether the application for permission to intervene filed by Nicaragua falls within the jurisdiction of the Chamber seized of the Case, or that of the full Court.

The Government of El Salvador intends to oppose the Nicaraguan application to intervene, including the request for reformation of the Chamber, on grounds it will develop when asked to file its observations in accordance with Article 83 para.1 of the Rules of Court.

Believing that the reasons for opposing the application are equally valid before the full Court or before the Chamber, the Government of El Salvador has no observations to make on the preliminary question of whether the Nicaraguan application falls within the jurisdiction of the Chamber or that of the full Court.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alfredo Martínez Moreno'.

Alfredo Martínez Moreno  
Agent of the Republic of El Salvador

Honorable Dr. Eduardo Valencia Ospina  
Registrar, International Court of Justice. The Hague.