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Military and Paramilitary Activities in and against
Nicaragua (Nicaragua v. United States of America)

Progress and conclusion of public hearings

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

The hearings held by the Court on the merits of the case concerning Military and Paramilitary Activities in and against Nicaragua (Nicaragua v. United States of America) were concluded on 20 September. They began on 12 September 1985.

During the last four hearings, held between 18 and 20 September 1985, counsel for Nicaragua stated the contentions of Nicaragua in the case.

Speakers were: H.E. Mr. Carlos Argüello, Agent and Counsel; Mr. Abram Chayes, Mr. Paul Reichler, Mr. Ian Brownlie and Mr. Alain Pellet, counsel and advocates. Questions were put by two Members of the Court, Judges Ruda and Schwebel.

At the conclusion of the last hearing, the Agent of Nicaragua read the final submissions of his Government.

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Nicaragua first presented a number of witnesses; in the course of the five hearings, held between 12 and 17 September, the Court heard in turn statements by:

- on 12 and 13 September, Commander Luis Carrión, First Vice-Minister of the Interior, who was examined by Mr. Ian Brownlie and to whom questions were put by President Nagendra Singh, Vice-President de Lacharrière, Judge Lachs, Judge Schwebel, Judge Sir Robert Jennings and Judge Colliard.

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- on 13 and 16 September, Mr. David C. MacMichael, who was examined by Mr. Abram Chayes and to whom questions were put by two Members of the Court, Judge Schwebel and Judge Ni;
- on 16 September, Mr. Michael J. Glennon, who was examined by Mr. Paul Reichler, and to whom questions were put by one Member of the Court, Judge Schwebel;
- on 17 September, Father Jean Loifon, who was examined by Mr. Alain Pellet, and to whom questions were put by Judge Schwebel;
- on 17 September, Mr. William Hupper, Minister of Finance of Nicaragua, who was examined by H.E. Mr. Carlos Argüello, Agent of Nicaragua, and to whom questions were put by Judge Schwebel.

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The oral arguments on behalf of Nicaragua being now completed, the Court will now begin to consider its Judgment.

A press communiqué will announce the date on which the Court's Judgment is to be read at a public hearing.
