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ORDER

The President of the International Court of Justice,

Having regard to Articles 48 and 50 of the Statute of the Court and Article 67 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 25 February 2014, whereby the Republic of Costa Rica (hereinafter “Costa Rica”) instituted proceedings against the Republic of Nicaragua (hereinafter “Nicaragua”) with regard to a dispute concerning maritime delimitation in the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean,

Having regard to the Order made on 31 May 2016, whereby the Court decided that an expert opinion will be obtained, in accordance with Articles 48 and 50 of its Statute, to provide it with information regarding the state of the coast between the point suggested by Costa Rica and the point suggested by Nicaragua in their pleadings as the starting-point of the maritime boundary in the Caribbean Sea, and that this expert opinion will be entrusted to two independent experts appointed by Order of the President of the Court after hearing the Parties;

Whereas, by letters dated 2 June 2016, the Registrar informed the Parties of the Court’s decision and of the fact that it had identified two potential experts to carry out the expert mission thus decided, namely Mr. Eric Fouache and Mr. Francisco Gutiérrez, whose curricula vitae were appended to the said letters; and whereas the Parties were invited to

communicate to the Court any observations they might wish to make on the choice of experts by 10 June 2016, at the latest;

Whereas, by a letter dated 10 June 2016, Costa Rica stated that it had no objections to the two experts identified by the Court and that it was ready to provide any necessary assistance to the expert mission;

Whereas, in a letter dated 10 June 2016, Nicaragua made no specific observations regarding the two experts identified by the Court, but expressed its full disposition to assist the Court in the organization of the mission;

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to appoint the experts, who may inform the Registry, if need be, of any technical assistance which they consider to be required for the performance of their task,

Appoints the following two experts:

Mr. Eric Fouache, of French nationality, Professor of Geography, Vice-Chancellor of Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates), senior member of the Institut universitaire de France and President of the International Association of Geomorphologists;

Mr. Francisco Gutiérrez, of Spanish nationality, Professor of Geology and Geomorphology at the University of Zaragoza (Spain), former member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Geomorphologists.

Done in French and English, the French text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this sixteenth day of June two thousand and sixteen, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica and the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua, respectively.

(Signed) Ronny ABRAHAM,
President.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,
Registrar.