



Libertad y Orden

EMBAJADA DE COLOMBIA
La Haya – Los Países Bajos

The Hague, 26 May 2010

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated 25 February 2010 informing that the Court has fixed 26 May 2010 as the time-limit for the filing of written observations by the Parties in the case concerning *Territorial and Maritime Dispute (Nicaragua v. Colombia)* with regard to Costa Rica's Application for permission to intervene.

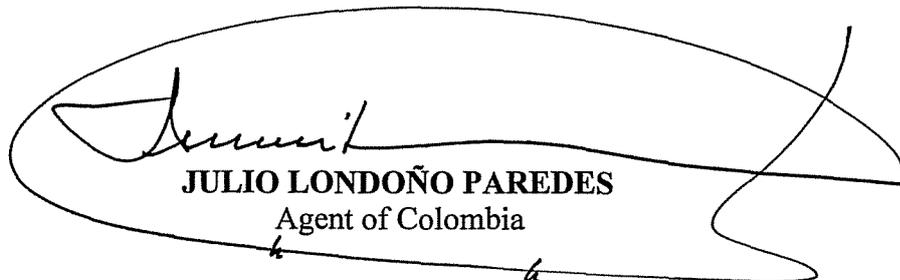
Colombia notes that Costa Rica's Application is grounded on Article 62 of the Statute of the Court. Colombia also notes that, according to the Application, "it is only the maritime boundary aspect of the case with which Costa Rica is concerned, and only that part of the maritime boundary that might affect Costa Rica's legal rights and interests". The purpose of Costa Rica's intervention, as disclosed in the Application, is to inform the Court of its interests of a legal nature which it considers may be affected by the decision in the instant case.

As the Court is aware, Colombia and Costa Rica signed the Treaty on Delimitation of Marine and Submarine Areas and Maritime Cooperation on 17 March 1977 (Fernández-Facio Treaty). Despite the fact that the Treaty has not yet been ratified by Costa Rica, the parties have complied in good faith with its provisions, without a single incident having ever arisen.

On the basis of the above, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Colombia has no objection to the intervention of Costa Rica.

Notwithstanding the fact that Colombia considers that Costa Rica has satisfied the requirements of Article 62 of the Statute and Article 81 of the Rules of Court, Colombia wishes to emphasize that it disagrees with certain points raised in Costa Rica's Application. Colombia reserves its position on these points which it will explain at the appropriate stage of the proceedings.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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To His Excellency
Mr. Philippe Couvreur
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International Court of Justice
The Hague