



REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA
TERRITORIAL AND MARITIME DISPUTE
(NICARAGUA V. COLOMBIA)

PROCEEDINGS ON WHETHER TO GRANT COSTA RICA'S APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO
INTERVENE

The Hague, 22 October 2010

ANSWER TO JUDGE DONOGHUE'S QUESTION

Question : Nicaragua has made written and oral submissions to the Court regarding Costa Rica's Application to intervene. It has raised concerns about Costa Rica's Application but its submissions, with respect to this particular Application, do not expressly state that Nicaragua opposes the granting of permission to intervene. Therefore, the question is: Does Nicaragua oppose intervention by Costa Rica?

In spite of the important burden they impose to the Parties to the main case, Nicaragua has no opposition of principle against interventions provided it is established that the State(s) seeking to intervene show that they have a legal interest which may be affected by the future decision of the Court. While it already expressed strong doubts as to Costa Rica's legal interest of that nature in the present case in its Written Observations, the hearings of last week have finally convinced Nicaragua that this was not the case.

The answer to Judge Donoghue's question is therefore that the Republic of Nicaragua does oppose intervention by Costa Rica in the present case.


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