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Judgment on the merits in the case of *Nicaragua v. United States of America*

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No. 85/17

18 September 1985

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

#### Progress of Public Hearings

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

At the hearings which opened on 12 September 1985 on the merits of the case concerning Military and Paramilitary Activities in and against Nicaragua, between Nicaragua and the United States of America Nicaragua began by calling witnesses.

The witnesses made their statements between 12 and 17 September after making the solemn declaration required by Article 64 of the Rules of Court. The Court heard in turn statements by Commander Luis Carrion Vice-Minister of the Interior of Nicaragua, on 12 and 13 September, Dr. David C. MacMichael, on 13 and 16 September, Mr. Michael J. Glennon on 16 September, and Father Jean Loifon and Mr. William Hupper, Minister of Finance of Nicaragua, on 17 September. Questions were put to Commander Carrion by President Nagendra Singh, Vice-President de Lacharrière, Judges Lachs, Schwebel, Sir Robert Jennings and Colliard. Questions were put to Dr. David C. MacMichael by Judges Ni and Schwebel. Questions were put to the other witnesses by Judge Schwebel.

On 18 September counsel for Nicaragua began their statements. Following an introduction by H.E. Mr. Argüello, Agent of Nicaragua, oral arguments were presented by Mr. Abram Chayes and Mr. Paul Reichler.

The oral proceedings will continue over the next few days.

The Government of the United States has not represented itself at the hearings.

A list of the persons representing Nicaragua in the case is attached.

The Government of Nicaragua was represented as follows:

His Excellency Mr. Carlos Argüello Gomez	Ambassador, <u>as Agent and Counsel;</u>
Professor Ian Brownlie, Q.C., F.B.A.	Chichele Professor of Public International Law in the University of Oxford; Fellow of Alls Souls College, Oxford,
Hon. Abram Chayes	Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law, Harvard Law School; Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences,
Hon. Alain Pellet	Professor of Law, Université de Paris Nord,
Hon. Paul S. Reichler	Reichler & Appelbaum, Washington, D.C., <u>as Counsel and Advocates;</u>
Mr. Augusto Zamora Rodriguez	Legal Adviser to the Ministry of the Exterior, Managua, Nicaragua,
Mrs Judith C. Appelbaum	Reichler & Appelbaum, Washington, D.C.,
Mr. David Wippman	Reichler & Appelbaum, Washington, D.C., <u>as Counsel.</u>

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