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Border and Transborder Armed Actions
(Nicaragua v. Costa Rica)

The following information is communicated to the press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

By an Order dated 21 October 1986 the Court, taking account of the views expressed by the Parties, has fixed the following time-limits for the written proceedings.

- Memorial of Nicaragua: 21 July 1987
- Counter-Memorial of Costa Rica: 21 April 1988

The Memorial and Counter-Memorial will deal with the merits of the case. Costa Rica has made no objection to the jurisdiction of the Court.

The Order reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision, including the date for the beginning of the oral proceedings.

On 28 July 1986 Nicaragua instituted proceedings against Costa Rica by means of an Application referring to specific border incidents and armed attacks, of increasing frequency and intensity since 1982, organized by contras on its territory from the territory of Costa Rica.

On the basis of the facts set out in its Application, Nicaragua holds that Costa Rica is legally responsible for breaching various obligations arising under international law, and requests the Court to find accordingly. It also requests the Court to state that Costa Rica has a duty to cease all such acts as may constitute those breaches, and that it is under an obligation towards Nicaragua to make reparation for all injury caused to the latter by the violations of which it is accused.

Nicaragua and Costa Rica have each appointed Agents pursuant to the Rules of Court. The Agent of Nicaragua is His Excellency Mr. Carlos Argüello Gómez, the Ambassador of Nicaragua to the Netherlands; the Agent of Costa Rica is His Excellency Mr. Edgar Ugalde Álvarez, Ambassador.
