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Border and Transborder Armed Actions (Nicaragua v. Honduras)
Postponement of fixing of time-limit for Counter-Memorial

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

By an Order of 14 December 1989 the Court decided that the time-limit for the filing by Honduras of a Counter-Memorial on the merits was extended from 19 February 1990, to a date to be fixed by an order to be made after 11 June 1990.

By letters dated 13 December 1989 the Agents of both Parties had transmitted to the Court the text of the agreement reached by the Presidents of the Central American countries on 12 December 1989 in San Isidro de Coronado, Costa Rica; they referred in particular to paragraph 13 thereof.

That paragraph records the agreement of the President of Nicaragua and the President of Honduras, in the context of arrangements aimed at achieving an extra-judicial settlement of the dispute which is the subject of the proceedings before the Court, to instruct their Agents in the case to communicate immediately, either jointly or separately, the agreement to the Court, and to request the postponement of the date for the fixing of the time-limit for the presentation of the Counter-Memorial of Honduras until 11 June 1990.

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By an earlier Order of 31 August 1989 the President of the Court had, at the request of Nicaragua, extended the time-limit for the filing of a Memorial by Nicaragua from 19 September 1989 to 8 December 1989, reserving the question of extension of the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial by Honduras.

On 8 December 1989, Nicaragua had filed its Memorial, within the time-limit fixed by the President of the Court.