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The Court forms a Chamber to deal with the case
brought by El Salvador and Honduras

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

By an Order of 8 May 1987 the Court unanimously decided to form a Chamber to deal with the case, brought by El Salvador and Honduras, which concerns the land, insular and maritime frontier dispute between those two States.

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On 11 December 1986, the Government of the Republic of El Salvador and the Government of the Republic of Honduras jointly notified to the Registry a Special Agreement concluded between them on 24 May 1986, which had come into force on 1 October 1986. That Special Agreement provided that the land, island and maritime frontier dispute between those two States should be heard by a Chamber to be formed by the Court.

The Court having been seised of a request by the two Parties relating to the formation of a Chamber, unanimously decided, by an Order of 8 May 1987, to accede to that request and accordingly formed a special Chamber of five judges to deal with that case. The Chamber is composed of three Members of the Court together with two ad hoc judges appointed by the Parties:

Judges Oda,
Sette-Camara,
Sir Robert Jennings,

Judges ad hoc Valticos,
Virally.

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Judge Oda appended a declaration to the Order issued by the Court.