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VIA FAX AND MAIL

The Honorable Eduardo Valencia-Ospina
Registrar
International Court of Justice
Peace Palace
2517 KJ The Hague
The Netherlands

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the observations filed with the Court on 16 August 1999 by the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of Cameroon concerning the Application of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to intervene in the Case Concerning the Land and Maritime Boundary between Cameroon and Nigeria (Cameroon v. Nigeria).

Equatorial Guinea takes note that neither State has objected in principle to the intervention of Equatorial Guinea. In these circumstances, Equatorial Guinea has no wish to burden the Court with unnecessary oral argument. Accordingly, if the Parties and the Court were to share the view that Equatorial Guinea should be allowed to intervene as a non-party to the case for the sole purpose of informing the Court of Equatorial Guinea's interests, as set forth in its Application of 30 June 1999, and that oral hearings to decide this are not necessary, Equatorial Guinea would be happy to concur. But if the Court would like to be more informed about Equatorial Guinea's position in light of the observations of the Parties, or if, in the exercise of its discretion, the Court feels that there are questions which suggest that Equatorial Guinea should not intervene as requested, then Equatorial Guinea is of the view that oral argument should be held so that these questions can be addressed by the Parties and by Equatorial Guinea before the Court rules on its Application.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Mangue Obama N'Fube
Minister of State
In Charge of Labor and Social Security
Agent for the Republic of Equatorial Guinea