

**Letter dated 8 June 1994 from the Deputy Permanent
Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations**

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Mr Eduardo Valencia-Ospina
Registrar
International Court of Justice
The Peace Palace
NL-2517 KJ Den Haag
The Netherlands

Dear Mr Valencis-Ospina,

**SUBJECT: WORLD COURT CASE ON THE LEGALITY OF THE USE OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

On behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea, I wish to register and reiterate our position with regard to the illegality of the use of nuclear weapons in any international conflict.

The Government of Papua New Guinea has on numerous occasions stated its position that it opposes the development, storage, transportation and use of nuclear weapons on its territory as well as in other parts of the world. Based on this opposition, the Government of Papua New Guinea submits to the International Court of Justice that the court should in the interest of maintaining international peace and security firmly reach a favourable decision, decisively rejecting the use of nuclear weapons in any conflict situation.

The Government of Papua New Guinea requests that the court defer decision on this matter for at least another two months in order for it and other interested Governments to make submissions on this case before the court's deliberations and decision.

Yours sincerely,


MAX H. RAI
Deputy Permanent Representative