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Present: *President* TOMKA; *Vice-President* SEPÚLVEDA-AMOR; *Judges* OWADA, ABRAHAM, KEITH, BENNOUNA, SKOTNIKOV, CANÇADO TRINDADE, YUSUF, GREENWOOD, XUE, DONOGHUE, GAJA, SEBUTINDE, BHANDARI; *Registrar* COUVREUR.

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

After deliberation,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 31, 44, 45, paragraph 1, 48 and 49 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 25 February 2014, whereby the Republic of Costa Rica instituted proceedings against the Republic of Nicaragua with regard to a dispute concerning maritime delimitation in the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean;

Whereas on 25 February 2014 an original copy of the Application was transmitted to Nicaragua;

Whereas in its Application Costa Rica notified the Court of the appointment of H.E. Mr. Edgar Ugalde Alvarez as Agent, and of H.E. Mr. Jorge Urbina and Mr. Sergio Ugalde as Co-Agents; and whereas, by letter dated 31 March 2014, Nicaragua notified the Court of the appointment of H.E. Mr. Carlos José Argüello Gómez as Agent;

Whereas, at a meeting held by the President of the Court with the representatives of the Parties on 31 March 2014, pursuant to Article 31 of the Rules of Court, the latter expressed the views of their respective Governments regarding the time-limits required in order to prepare the first round of written pleadings; whereas H.E. Mr. Jorge Urbina, Co-Agent of Costa Rica, referring to the fact that the issues raised in the case were well-known to the Parties, indicated that it could be decided rapidly and consequently requested a time-limit of six months for the preparation of the Memorial; and whereas the Agent of Nicaragua, referring in particular to the complexity of the maritime delimitation questions raised in the case, and to the fact that in reality the Application had instituted two distinct proceedings, indicated that a period of at least twelve months would be necessary for the preparation of his Government's Counter-Memorial;

Having regard to the views of the Parties,

Fixes the following time-limits for the filing of the written pleadings:

3 February 2015 for the Memorial of the Republic of Costa Rica;

8 December 2015 for the Counter-Memorial of the Republic of Nicaragua; and

Reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in French and in English, the French text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this first day of April, two thousand and fourteen, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica and the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua, respectively.

(Signed) Peter TOMKA,
President.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,
Registrar.
