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The President of the International Court of Justice,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Article 79 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 26 November 2013, whereby the Republic of Nicaragua instituted proceedings against the Republic of Colombia concerning a dispute in relation to “the violations of Nicaragua’s sovereign rights and maritime zones declared by the Court’s Judgment of 19 November 2012 [in the case concerning *Territorial and Maritime Dispute (Nicaragua v. Colombia)*] and the threat of the use of force by Colombia in order to implement these violations”;

Whereas, following a meeting that the President held with the Agents of the Parties on 23 January 2014, the Court, by Order of 3 February 2014, taking into account the views of the Parties, fixed 3 October 2014 and 3 June 2015, respectively, as the time-limits for the filing of a Memorial by Nicaragua and a Counter-Memorial by Colombia;

Whereas, on 19 December 2014, Colombia, referring to Article 79 of the Rules of Court, raised certain preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court; and whereas these were immediately communicated to Nicaragua;

Whereas, consequently, under the provisions of Article 79, paragraph 5, of the Rules of Court, the proceedings on the merits are suspended and a time-limit must be fixed within which the Applicant may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections;

Taking account of Practice Direction V, according to which the time-limit for the presentation of such a written statement shall generally not exceed four months from the date of the filing of preliminary objections,

*Fixes* 20 April 2015 as the time-limit within which the Republic of Nicaragua may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections raised by the Republic of Colombia; and

*Reserves* the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and in French, the English text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this nineteenth day of December, 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 Nicaragua and the Government of the Republic of Colombia, respectively.

(Signed) Peter TOMKA,  
President.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,  
Registrar.

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