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CASE CONCERNING THE TERRITORIAL AND MARITIME DISPUTE

(NICARAGUA *v.* COLOMBIA)

ORDER

The President of the International Court of Justice,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 31, 44, paragraph 4, 45, paragraph 1, and 79, paragraph 9, of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 6 December 2001, whereby the Republic of Nicaragua instituted proceedings against the Republic of Colombia in respect of a dispute concerning “a group of related legal issues subsisting between the Republic of Nicaragua and the Republic of Colombia concerning title to territory and maritime delimitation”,

Having regard to the Order dated 26 February 2002, whereby the Court fixed *inter alia* 28 June 2004 as the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the Republic of Colombia,

Having regard to the preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court which were raised by the Government of the Republic of Colombia on 21 July 2003, within the time-limit set by Article 79, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Court, as amended on 5 December 2000 with effect from 1 February 2001;

Whereas, by a Judgment dated 13 December 2007, the Court found that it had jurisdiction on the basis of Article XXXI of the Pact of Bogotá to adjudicate upon the dispute concerning sovereignty over the maritime features claimed by the Parties other than the islands of San Andrés, Providencia and Santa Catalina and on the dispute concerning the maritime delimitation between the Parties;

Whereas, at a meeting between the President of the Court and the Agents of the Parties held on 11 February 2008, the Agent of the Republic of Colombia requested a time-limit of nine months from the date of the meeting for the filing of the Counter-Memorial by his Government; and whereas the Agent of the Republic of Nicaragua indicated that his Government had no objection to that request being granted;

Taking account of the agreement of the Parties,

Fixes 11 November 2008 as the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of 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 eleventh day of February, two thousand and eight, 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) Rosalyn HIGGINS,
President.

(Signed) Philippe COUVREUR,
Registrar.
