

EMBASSY OF HONDURAS TO THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

16 April 2007

Sir,

With reference to the case concerning Maritime Delimitation between Nicaragua and Honduras in the Caribbean Sea (Nicaragua v. Honduras), I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 5 April 2007 with reference 130104, addressed to H.E. Mr. Max Velásquez Díaz and H.E. Roberto Flores Bermúdez, Agents of the Republic of Honduras, through which Your Excellency has transmitted a copy of a letter with enclosures, dated 5 April 2007, whereby the Agent of Nicaragua provided the Court with the Nicaraguan Government's written reply to the question put by Judge ad hoc Gaja to both Parties at the public sitting held on 16 March 2007.

Honduras set out its response to the question by Judge <u>ad hoc</u> Gaja in its letter of 5 April 2007. There is nothing in Nicaragua's letter of the same date (together with the Appendix dated 4 April 2007) that causes Honduras to revise its conclusions. Honduras notes that Nicaragua has not made a site visit to Logwood Cay (Cayo Palo de Campeche) or Media Luna Cay.

Honduras also notes the views expressed in the Appendix, and reserves its position in regard to all aspects thereto. Against the site visits conducted by Honduras, the tentative conclusions set forth in the Appendix and in Nicaragua's letter must be considered as having less authority than the first-hand visual observations described in Honduras' reply to the question posed by Judge ad hoc Gaja.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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