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Letter dated 9 April 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a message from Denis Moncada Colindres, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua regarding the validity of Nicaragua's claim for compliance with the judgment of the International Court of Justice in the case *Military and Paramilitary Activities in and against Nicaragua* (*Nicaragua v. United States of America*) (see annex).



On behalf of my Government, I would appreciate it if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 14, 18, 21, 39, 70, 73, 79, 80, 82, 83, 84, 110 and 122.

(*Signed*) Jaime **Hermida**
Permanent Representative

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The obligation of the United States to compensate Nicaragua

On the 40th anniversary of the presentation of Nicaragua's Application against the United States on April 9, 1984, Nicaragua takes this opportunity to recall that there is a historical debt with the Nicaraguan people that has not been settled by the United States. It is an obligation clearly established in a final judgment of the highest international judicial authority, the International Court of Justice.

On June 27, 1986, the International Court of Justice issued a judgment ordering the United States of America to indemnify Nicaragua for all damages caused by the military and paramilitary activities against Nicaragua. Despite the fact that the Court recognized that in a situation of armed aggressions such as the one carried out by the United States, no type of reparation – neither economic nor moral – could compensate for the devastation of the country, the loss of human lives and the physical and psychological injuries of the Nicaraguan people, the Court decided that the United States had the legal obligation to financially compensate Nicaragua for all the damages caused.

It is in this context, in which Nicaragua has once again been the victim of aggressions, now euphemistically called sanctions, and victim of an attempted coup, that the people of Nicaragua remember the difficult conditions which under which Nicaragua filed this historical application before the Court International Justice.

Nicaragua takes this opportunity to recall that the judgments of the International Court of Justice are final and binding, and therefore the United States has the legal obligation to comply with the reparations ordered by the judgment of June 27, 1986.

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