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On Nov. 15, the last day of the Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly sessions in Guatemala City, Nicaraguan Deputy Foreign Minister Victor Hugo Tinoco said his government is willing to negotiate with Honduras and Costa Rica concerning issues raised in its suit against the two nations before the International Court of Justice. The Sandinista government has accused both neighboring governments of permitting the use of respective national territories as bases for US-financed aggression against the Nicaraguan revolution. Tinoco stated that the suit may take some three years to process. According to the Nicaraguan diplomat, the Sandinista government is interested in participating in negotiations with its neighbors within the framework of the Contadora peace initiative. Assuming that negotiations in this forum are "effective and fruitful," he said, Managua would withdraw its suits against both Costa Rica and Honduras. Tinoco told the assembly that his government resorted to the World Court only after five years of fruitless effort to reach bilateral agreements with San Jose and Tegucigalpa. He also pointed out that three separate peace treaty drafts coordinated by Contadora Group nations in the past four years were accepted by Managua, but rejected by Honduras.

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