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(SBU) Embassy Managua reports the Nicaraguan Supreme Court, all Sandinista judges, ruled that Article 147 of the Nicaraguan constitution prohibiting sitting presidents from running for re-election was unconstitutional. This allows current president Daniel Ortega to run for re-election. The opposition has called for demonstrations and protests, however post does not anticipate violence.

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