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(Nicaragua v. United States of America)

Postponement of oral proceedings on compensation

The following information is communicated to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

At a meeting on 22 June 1990 called by the President of the Court to ascertain the views of Nicaragua and the United States of America on the date for opening of the oral proceedings on compensation in this case, the Agent of Nicaragua informed the President of the position of his Government, already set out in a letter from the Agent to the Registrar of the Court dated 20 June 1990. The United States, which has chosen not to appear in this case since the Court's 1984 Judgment on jurisdiction, was not represented at the meeting.

The Agent of Nicaragua indicated that the new Government of Nicaragua is carefully studying the different matters it has pending before the Court; that the instant case is very complex and that, added to the many difficult tasks facing the Government, these are special circumstances that would make it extremely inconvenient for it to take a decision on what procedure to follow in this case during the coming months.

The President, in the light of the position of the Government of Nicaragua, stated that he would inform the Court of that position and would in the meantime take no action to fix a date for hearings.