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Military and Paramilitary Activities in and against Nicaragua
(Nicaragua v. United States of America)

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

The above case, in which Nicaragua's claim to reparations had still been pending before the Court, has now been brought to an end on the initiative of Nicaragua.

On 12 September 1991 the Agent of Nicaragua informed the Court that his Government:

"had decided to renounce all further right of action based on the case and did not wish to go on with the proceedings and requested that an Order be made officially recording the discontinuance of the proceedings and directing the removal of the case from the list."

As required by Article 89 of the Rules of Court, the President of the Court then fixed 25 September 1991 as the time-limit within which the United States of America might state whether it opposed the discontinuance. On that date a letter welcoming the discontinuance was received from the Legal Adviser of the United States Department of State, writing on behalf of his Government.

In consequence, the President of the Court, on 26 September 1991, made an Order recording the discontinuance of the proceedings and directing the removal of the case from the Court's list.