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## ORDER

The President of the International Court of Justice,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court, and to Article 89 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed by the Republic of Nicaragua on 9 April 1984 by which the proceedings in this case were instituted against the United States of America,

Having regard to the Judgment delivered by the Court on 27 June 1986, by which it found (*inter alia*) that the United States of America was under an obligation to make reparation to the Republic of Nicaragua for all injury caused to Nicaragua by certain breaches of obligations under customary international law and treaty-law committed by the United States of America; decided that the form and amount of such reparation, failing agreement between the Parties, would be settled by the Court, and reserved, for that purpose, the subsequent procedure in the case,

Having regard to the Order made by the Court on 18 November 1987 by which it fixed time-limits for written proceedings on the question of the form and amount of reparation to be made in the case, and having regard to the Memorial on that question filed by Nicaragua on 29 March 1988;

Whereas on 15 June 1990 a letter was addressed to each of the Parties by the Registrar enquiring as to their views on the date to be fixed for the

opening of the oral proceedings on the question of reparation; whereas no reply to that letter was received from the United States, and the Agent of Nicaragua, in his reply, indicated the special circumstances that would make it extremely inconvenient for the Government of Nicaragua to take a decision on what procedure to follow in this case during the ensuing months; and whereas therefore it was decided not to fix any date for the oral proceedings;

Whereas by a letter dated 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;

Whereas a copy of that letter was forthwith transmitted to the Government of the United States of America, which was at the same time informed that the President had fixed 25 September 1991 as the time-limit within which the United States might state whether it opposed the discontinuance of the proceedings, in accordance with Article 89, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Court;

Whereas by a letter dated 25 September 1991, received in the Registry by facsimile the same day, the Legal Adviser of the United States Department of State informed the Court that the United States welcomed the Nicaraguan request for discontinuance of the proceedings,

*Places on record* the discontinuance by the Republic of Nicaragua of the proceedings instituted by the Application filed on 9 April 1984; and *Orders* that the case be removed from the list.

Done in English and in French, the English text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this twenty-sixth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-one, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua and the Government of the United States of America, respectively.

(Signed) R. Y. JENNINGS,  
President.

(Signed) Eduardo VALENCIA-OSPINA,  
Registrar.