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Nicaragua withdraws request for provisional measures  
in its case against Honduras

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

On 31 March 1988 Nicaragua withdrew, by a letter addressed to the Court, the request for the indication of provisional measures which it had made on 21 March 1988 (see Press Communique No. 88/6) in its case against Honduras concerning Border and Transborder Armed Actions. The President of the Court has today made an Order recording the withdrawal.

The procedural situation in the case is that by July 1987 the Parties had each filed a pleading addressed to the question of the Court's jurisdiction and the admissibility of the claim, contested by Honduras. The opening of the oral proceedings on that question was postponed at the request of both Parties following the signature on 7 August 1987 of the "Procedure for the establishment of a stable and lasting peace in Central America" by the Presidents of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua - the "Esquipulas II Agreement". That situation remains unchanged.