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**Press Release**

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**Case concerning the Status vis-à-vis the Host State of a Diplomatic Envoy  
to the United Nations  
(Commonwealth of Dominica v. Switzerland)**

**Case removed from the Court's List at the request of Dominica**

THE HAGUE, 12 June 2006. The case brought by the Commonwealth of Dominica against Switzerland, on 26 April 2006, before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), principal judicial organ of the United Nations, has been removed from the Court's List at the request of Dominica.

By letter of 15 May 2006, received in the Registry by facsimile on 24 May 2006 under cover of two letters from the Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of Dominica to the United Nations, and the original of which reached the Registry on 6 June 2006, the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica informed the Court that his Government "d[id] not wish to go on with the proceedings instituted against Switzerland" and requested the Court to make an Order "officially recording [their] unconditional discontinuance" and "directing the removal of the case from the General List".

By letter of 24 May 2006, received in the Registry by facsimile the same day, the Ambassador of Switzerland in The Hague advised the Court that he had duly informed the competent Swiss authorities of the discontinuance notified by the Prime Minister of Dominica.

The Court, on 9 June 2006, made an Order, in which, after noting that the Government of the Swiss Confederation had not taken any step in the proceedings in the case, recorded the discontinuance by the Commonwealth of Dominica of the case instituted by the Application filed on 26 April 2006 and ordered that it be removed from the List.

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The dispute submitted by Dominica to the Court concerned alleged violations of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and other rules and instruments of international law in relation to a diplomatic envoy of Dominica to the United Nations in Geneva.

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The complete text of the Order delivered by the Court will shortly be available on the Court's website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)).

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