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AFFAIRE DE  
LA BARCELONA TRACTION, LIGHT  
AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED

(BELGIQUE c. ESPAGNE)

ORDONNANCE DU 10 AVRIL 1961

**1961**

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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CASE CONCERNING  
THE BARCELONA TRACTION, LIGHT  
AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED

(BELGIUM *v.* SPAIN)

ORDER OF 10 APRIL 1961

La présente ordonnance doit être citée comme suit:  
« *Affaire de la Barcelona Traction, Light and Power Company,  
Limited (Belgique c. Espagne),  
Ordonnance du 10 avril 1961: C. I. J. Recueil 1961, p. 9.* »

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This Order should be cited as follows:  
“*Case concerning the Barcelona Traction, Light and Power Company,  
Limited (Belgium v. Spain),  
Order of 10 April 1961: I.C.J. Reports 1961, p. 9.*”

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## ORDER

*Present: President* WINIARSKI; *Vice-President* ALFARO; *Judges* BASDEVANT, BADAWI, MORENO QUINTANA, WELLINGTON KOO, SPIROPOULOS, Sir Percy SPENDER, Sir Gerald FITZMAURICE, KORETSKY, TANAKA, BUSTAMANTE, JESSUP, MORELLI; *Registrar* GARNIER-COIGNET.

The International Court of Justice,  
composed as above,  
after deliberation,  
having regard to Article 48 of the Statute and to Article 69  
of the Rules of Court,

*Makes the following Order:*

Having regard to the Application, dated 15 September 1958 and filed in the Registry on 23 September 1958, by which the Belgian Government instituted proceedings before the Court against the Spanish State in the case concerning the Barcelona Traction, Light and Power Company, Limited;

Having regard to the Order of 18 October 1958 fixing 18 June 1959 for the filing of the Memorial of the Belgian Government and 18 February 1960 for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the Spanish Government;

Having regard to the Memorial filed by the Belgian Government within the time-limit fixed;

Having regard to the Order of 5 December 1959 extending to 21 May 1960 the date for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the Spanish Government;

Having regard to the Preliminary Objections filed by the Spanish Government within the time-limit fixed for the filing of the Counter-Memorial;

Having regard to the Order of 20 June 1960 recording that the proceedings on the merits were thereby suspended and fixing 5 December 1960 as the time-limit within which the Belgian Government might present a written statement of its Observations and Submissions with regard to the Preliminary Objections;

Having regard to the Order of 11 November 1960 extending that time-limit to 5 April 1961 at the request of the Belgian Government;

Whereas by a letter dated 23 March 1961 and received on 24 March the Agent for the Belgian Government, referring to Article 69 of the Rules of Court, informed the Registrar that his Government was not going on with the proceedings;

Whereas on 24 March 1961 the Registrar transmitted a copy of that communication to the Agent for the Spanish Government and by a letter of 28 March 1961 informed him that the Acting President of the Court, pursuant to Article 69, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Court, had fixed a time-limit expiring on 6 May 1961 at noon, within which the Spanish Government was to state whether it opposed the discontinuance of the proceedings;

Whereas by a letter dated 5 April 1961 the Agent for the Spanish Government informed the Registrar that his Government did not oppose the discontinuance of the proceedings,

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places on record the communications thus received from the two Governments Parties to the case;

and consequently orders that the case shall be removed from the Court's List.

Done in French and in English, the French text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this tenth day of April

one thousand nine hundred and sixty-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 Kingdom of Belgium and to the Government of the Spanish State respectively.

*(Signed)* B. WINIARSKI,  
President.

*(Signed)* GARNIER-COIGNET,  
Registrar.

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