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Case concerning the Aerial Incident of 3 July 1988
(Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)

Discontinuance

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

The above case in which proceedings were instituted by Iran on 17 May 1989 and in which the United States of America, within the extended time-limit for the deposit of its Counter-Memorial, filed preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court, has come to an end.

By a letter of 8 August 1994 the Agents of the two Parties jointly informed the Court that their Governments had "entered into negotiations that may lead to a full and final settlement of [the] case" and requested the Court "[to postpone] *sine die* the opening of the oral proceedings" on the preliminary objections, for which it had fixed the date of 12 September 1994.

By a letter dated 22 February 1996, filed in the Registry on the same day, the Agents of the two Parties jointly notified the Court that their Governments had agreed to discontinue the case because they had entered into

"an agreement in full and final settlement of all disputes, differences, claims, counterclaims and matters directly or indirectly raised by or capable of arising out of, or directly or indirectly related to or connected with, this case".

In consequence, the President of the Court, also on 22 February 1996, made an Order recording the discontinuance of the proceedings and directing the removal of the case from the Court's list.