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Case concerning the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations
(Paraguay v. United States of America)

Case removed from the Court's List at the request of Paraguay

THE HAGUE, 11 November 1998. The case brought to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on 3 April 1998 by Paraguay against the United States of America in respect of a dispute concerning the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations has been removed from the Court's List at the request of Paraguay.

By a letter of 2 November 1998, the Government of Paraguay informed the Court that, despite the fact that it had filed a Memorial on the merits of the case on 9 October last, it did not wish to go on with the proceedings and requested that the case be removed from the Court's List.

A copy of this letter was immediately communicated to the Government of the United States of America, which was informed that Judge Shigeru Oda, the senior judge, acting pursuant to the Rules of Court, fixed 30 November 1998 as the time-limit within which the United States could state whether it opposed Paraguay's discontinuance.

By a letter of 3 November 1998, the United States informed the Court that it concurred in the discontinuance and in the request that the case be removed from the List.

Accordingly, on 10 November 1998 the Court made an Order recording the discontinuance of the proceedings and directing the removal of the case from the Court's List.

The dispute brought by Paraguay to the Court concerned alleged violations of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963 with respect to the case of Mr. Angel Francisco Breard, a Paraguayan national convicted of murder in Virginia (United States), whose execution had been scheduled for 14 April 1998 and who was eventually executed on that date.

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