



# INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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United States Diplomatic and Consular Staff  
in Tehran

The following information is made available to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice.

The President of the International Court has today, 12 May 1981, made an Order recording the discontinuance of the proceedings instituted before the Court by the United States following the seizure of its Embassy at Tehran on 4 November 1979 and the holding of its diplomatic and consular personnel as hostages.

In the Judgment delivered in the case on 24 May 1980 (Press Communiqué No. 80/5) the Court, in response to a submission by the United States, had reserved its decision on the form and amount of the reparation due from Iran, and the case accordingly remained on the Court's list.

However, letters addressed to the Court on behalf of the United States Government on 6 April and 1 May 1981 made it clear that the United States, in consequence of the commitments entered into by it and Iran at Algiers on 19 January, desired that all currently pending proceedings before the Court relating to its claims for reparation be discontinued and that the case be removed from the list.

Those letters having been transmitted to Iran and no observations having been received from its Government, the President of the Court has now made the Order recording the discontinuance and directing that the case concerning United States Diplomatic and Consular Staff in Tehran be removed from the Court's list.

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