

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

YEAR 1989

18 July 1989

CASE CONCERNING
CERTAIN PHOSPHATE LANDS IN NAURU

(NAURU v. AUSTRALIA)

ORDER

Present: President RUDA; Vice-President MBAYE; Judges LACHS, ODA, AGO, SCHWEBEL, Sir Robert JENNINGS, BEDJAOUI, EVENSEN, TARASSOV, GUILLAUME, SHAHABUDEEN, PATHAK; Registrar VALENCIA-OSPINA.

The International Court of Justice,

Composed as above,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 31, 44, 45 and 48 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed by the Republic of Nauru in the Registry of the Court on 19 May 1989, instituting proceedings against the Commonwealth of Australia in respect of a dispute concerning the rehabilitation of certain phosphate lands in Nauru mined under Australian administration before Nauruan independence;

Whereas on 19 May 1989 a copy of the Application was transmitted to the Commonwealth of Australia through its Ambassador in The Hague;

Whereas the Republic of Nauru has appointed as Agent Mr. V. S. Mani, Chief Secretary of the Republic of Nauru, and the Commonwealth of Australia has appointed as Agent Mr. Tom Sherman, Deputy Secretary in the Attorney-General's Department;

Having ascertained the views of the Parties,

Fixes the following time-limits for the written proceedings:

20 April 1990 for the Memorial of the Republic of Nauru;

21 January 1991 for the Counter-Memorial of the Commonwealth of Australia;

And reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and in French, the English text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this eighteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Republic of Nauru and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, respectively.

(Signed) José María RUDA,
President.

(Signed) Eduardo VALENCIA-OSPINA,
Registrar.