

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICERESIGNATION OF THE REGISTRAR OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE *

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

The Registrar of the Court, Mr. Santiago Torres Bernárdez, has resigned for personal reasons a few months before the seven-year term of office to which he was elected in 1980 was due to expire. His resignation is effective as from 1 January 1987.

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The Court will subsequently elect a new Registrar in accordance with Article 21 of its Statute and Article 22 of the Rules of Court. Pending the filling of the vacancy, the functions of Registrar will be exercised by the Deputy-Registrar in accordance with Article 27 of the Rules of Court.

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The Statute of the Court (Art. 21) provides that the Court shall appoint its Registrar. The procedure to be followed for this purpose is laid down in Article 22 of the Rules of Court, paragraph 1 of which provides: "The Court shall elect its Registrar by secret ballot from amongst candidates proposed by Members of the Court."

*[This is the text of an unofficial communique (No.86/15) of 20 November 1986 from the Registry of the International Court of Justice].