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Kohler and Paris (France v. Islamic Republic of Iran)

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

THE HAGUE, 25 September 2025. By an [Order](#) dated 19 September 2025, the International Court of Justice directed that the *Kohler and Paris (France v. Islamic Republic of Iran)* case be removed from its List.

The Order was adopted further to a communication addressed to the Court by the Agent of France, in which the latter, referring to Article 89 of the [Rules of Court](#), informed the Court that his Government was requesting the discontinuance of the proceedings; that request was not opposed by Iran.

History of the proceedings

On 16 May 2025, France filed an Application instituting proceedings against Iran before the International Court of Justice with regard to a dispute concerning “serious and repeated” alleged violations by Iran of its obligations under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963 “in the context of the arrest, detention and trial of several French nationals in Iran”.

The Application of France related to “the hostage policy pursued by Iran against French nationals since May 2022”. France contended that this policy “target[ed] French nationals travelling in or visiting Iran by accusing them of various offences relating to Iranian national security”. The Application specifically concerned Iran’s detention of two French nationals, Ms Cécile Kohler and Mr Jacques Paris.

By an Order dated 17 July 2025, the Court fixed 2 December 2025 and 17 April 2026 as the respective time-limits for the filing of the Memorial of France and the Counter-Memorial of Iran in the case.

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