



American Model United Nations International

THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Justice Higman of Japan,
Justice McIntosh of Rwanda,

Submit the following concurring opinion.

Although we concur with the Court's decision and the reasoning, we feel it necessary to distinguish our opinion in this case with our dissenting opinion in Hungary v. Slovakia. Though our previous dissent regarding the existence of a "puppet government" in Hungary v. Slovakia did invalidate the treaty in that case, this is not so in the case presented to the Court today. As Honduras has contended, Nicaragua has waited 50 years to address their grievances with this treaty. In the Hungary v. Slovakia case, the problem was addressed after freedom from reign of the Soviet Union was attained. As a result of this great delay, the question of America's presence in the signing of the treaty in this case that gave Colombia the islands in the disputed area is irrelevant. Despite Nicaragua's contention of existing "close to being held captive to United States economic interest," due to the time delay, the treaty is not invalidated by the "interest" of the United States in the area.

Therefore, we concur with the ruling of the majority.

Justice Higman of JAPAN

Justice McIntosh of RWANDA