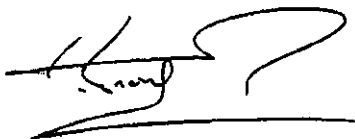


REASONED OPINION BY JUDGE VIDAL RAMÍREZ

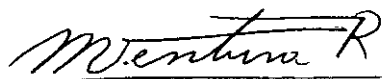
I share the issuance of the judgment by reasoning out as follows:

The designation of the Judge *ad hoc* by the State, notified with the application does not imply that he assumes his representation because he becomes member of the Court in an individual capacity after previous oath. To become member of the Court as Judge *ad hoc* I've met same qualifications as the incumbent judges and, thus, I have been empowered with the same rights, duties, and responsibilities.

Therefore, from the disposition in Articles 55 and 52 of the American Convention and Article 10 from the Rules of Procedure of the Court and stipulated also by the decision of September 11, 1995 (Paniagua Morales Case vs. the Guatemalan Government).



Fernando Vidal-Ramírez
Judge *ad hoc*



Manuel E. Ventura-Robles
Secretary