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Territorial and Maritime Dispute (Nicaragua v. Colombia)

The Court to deliver its Judgment on Monday 19 November 2012 at 3 p.m.

Reading to be broadcast live on the Court's website

THE HAGUE, 8 November 2012. On Monday 19 November 2012, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will deliver its Judgment in the case concerning the Territorial and Maritime Dispute (Nicaragua v. Colombia).

A public sitting will take place at 3 p.m., during which the President of the Court, Judge Peter Tomka, will read the Court's Judgment. This sitting will be broadcast live and in full on the Court's website (via the "multimedia" link). It will immediately be made available as a recorded webcast (VOD) on the Court's website and, shortly thereafter, will be uploaded to the United Nations multimedia site (<http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/>).

It should be noted that, owing to the renovation of the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace, where the Court usually sits, this public sitting will be held in the auditorium of The Hague Academy of International Law, whose building is adjacent to the Peace Palace.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in the Annual Report of the Court 2011-2012 (paragraphs 145-163), which can be downloaded from the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org). Click on "The Court", and then on "Annual Reports".

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Note to the press and public

1. The public sitting for the delivery of the Judgment will be held in the auditorium of The Hague Academy of International Law, whose building is adjacent to the Peace Palace, where the Court has its seat. Mobile telephones must be switched off.

2. **Media representatives** are subject to an **online accreditation procedure**, details of which can be found in the Media Advisory attached to this Press Release. **The accreditation procedure will close at midnight on Thursday 15 November 2012.**

3. **Individual visitors** (with the exception of members of the Diplomatic Corps) **and groups are subject to an online admission procedure**. They are kindly requested to fill out the relevant form on the Court's website (click on "Attending a Hearing"). **The admission procedure will close at midnight on Thursday 15 November 2012.**

4. **This sitting will be broadcast live and in full** on the Court's website (via the "multimedia" link), from 3 p.m. local time. On the same day, it will also be made available for three months as a recorded webcast (VOD) on the Court's website. Shortly thereafter, it will be uploaded to the United Nations multimedia site (<http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/>), where it will remain archived.

5. At the end of the sitting, a Press Release, a summary of the Judgment and the full text of the Judgment will be distributed. All of these documents will be made available at the same time on the Court's website.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It was established by the United Nations Charter in June 1945 and began its activities in April 1946. The seat of the Court is at the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands). Of the six principal organs of the United Nations, it is the only one not located in New York. The Court has a twofold role: first, to settle, in accordance with international law, legal disputes submitted to it by States (its judgments have binding force and are without appeal for the parties concerned); and, second, to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and agencies of the system. The Court is composed of 15 judges elected for a nine-year term by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. Independent of the United Nations Secretariat, it is assisted by a Registry, its own international secretariat, whose activities are both judicial and diplomatic, as well as administrative. The official languages of the Court are French and English. Also known as the "World Court", it is the only court of a universal character with general jurisdiction.

The ICJ, a court open only to States for contentious proceedings, and to certain organs and institutions of the United Nations system for advisory proceedings, should not be confused with the other — mostly criminal — judicial institutions based in The Hague and adjacent areas, such as the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY, an ad hoc court created by the Security Council), the International Criminal Court (ICC, the first permanent international criminal court, established by treaty, which does not belong to the United Nations system), the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL, an independent judicial body composed of Lebanese and international judges, which is not a United Nations tribunal and does not form part of the Lebanese judicial system), or the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA, an independent institution which assists in the establishment of arbitral tribunals and facilitates their work, in accordance with the Hague Convention of 1899).

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Media advisory

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**Accreditation procedure for the delivery of the Court's Judgment
on Monday 19 November 2012 at 3 p.m.**

Reading to be broadcast live and in full

Media representatives are required to fill out the online accreditation form, available on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org) under "Calendar". **Applications for accreditation must reach the Court by midnight on Thursday 15 November 2012.** Only online application forms will be accepted. Each application will be checked by the Information Department, and replies will be sent by e-mail. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Entry to the Peace Palace

Media representatives must bring with them their personal ID and press card. They are asked to arrive at the Peace Palace gates **between 1.30 and 2.30 p.m.** **Only duly accredited individuals with valid identification will be permitted to enter the Peace Palace grounds.**

No parking is allowed in the Peace Palace grounds apart from satellite vehicles. Media wishing to park satellite vehicles are requested to fill in the appropriate fields in the online accreditation form. NB: Television media wishing to broadcast a live reading of the Judgment should contact the Information Department in advance, as the sitting will take place in a temporary courtroom.

Access to the courtroom

Media representatives should take particular note of the fact that, owing to the renovation of the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace, where the Court has its seat, this public sitting will be held in the auditorium of The Hague Academy of International Law, whose building is adjacent to the Palace. Chairs reserved for media representatives are located on the far right of the auditorium. Photographers and camera crews are only permitted to enter the room for a few minutes at the start of the sitting. Photographers and camera crews must keep to the right-hand side of the auditorium.

Press room

Proceedings will be transmitted live in English and French to the temporary Press Room, located in the Seminar room. The room is equipped with Wi-Fi and modem internet access. Live video and audio feeds are available via the breakout box (PAL video output). The Press Room will be open between **1.30 and 6 p.m.** on the day of the sitting. **Please note that all media representatives must leave the Peace Palace grounds by 6 p.m.**

Live webcast and multimedia files

The public sitting will be broadcast live and in full (in Flash format) on the Court's website (via the "multimedia" link), from 3 p.m. local time. It will also be made available as a recorded webcast (VOD, in Flash format) on the Court's website and, shortly after the sitting, will be uploaded to the United Nations multimedia site <http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/>.

Three multimedia files in professional format (mpeg-2) will be available on the “Multimedia” page of the Court’s website approximately one hour after the conclusion of the sitting: (file 1) the reading of the operative part of the Judgment (detailing the decisions taken by the Court) by the President of the Court, Judge Peter Tomka (in English); (file 2) the reading of the operative part of the Judgment by the Registrar of the Court, Mr. Philippe Couvreur (in French); and (file 3) photographs taken from the side of the courtroom showing the Members of the Court, the representatives of the Parties and the rest of the courtroom during the sitting.

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