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## Press Release

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### Maritime Delimitation in the Indian Ocean (Somalia v. Kenya)

#### The Court has decided to postpone to 8 June 2020 the public hearings due to open on 4 November 2019

THE HAGUE, 18 October 2019. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, has decided to postpone to the week beginning 8 June 2020 the oral proceedings in the case concerning Maritime Delimitation in the Indian Ocean (Somalia v. Kenya), which had been due to take place between Monday 4 and Friday 8 November 2019.

The Court took this decision having duly considered the views and arguments of the Parties to the case regarding a request of Kenya to postpone the hearings.

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**A new press release will be issued later regarding the admission and accreditation procedures for members of the public and media representatives. Accreditation requests received for the November 2019 hearings will be disregarded and journalists will need to reapply.**

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#### History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in paragraphs 127-139 of the Court's Annual Report for 2018-2019 and in press releases Nos. 2019/36 and 2019/37, which are available on the Court's website.

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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 Court is composed of 15 judges elected for a nine-year term by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. The seat of the Court is at the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands). 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.

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