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### **Visit of the Prime Minister of Viet Nam, H.E. Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, to the International Court of Justice**

THE HAGUE, 27 September 2011. The Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, H.E. Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, paid a visit today to the seat of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, at the Peace Palace in The Hague.

H.E. Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, his wife and his delegation were welcomed on their arrival by the President of the Court, Judge Hisashi Owada, and the Registrar, Mr. Philippe Couvreur.

The Prime Minister and several Vietnamese officials were received for approximately 15 minutes by the President and the Registrar in the meeting room in which the Court assembles during hearings. Afterwards, H.E. Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung signed the Court's Visitors' Book.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by his wife and a delegation consisting, in particular, of several Government ministers and the Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the Netherlands.

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A photograph of the event will be available shortly on the Court's website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)) in the section "Press Room" (multimedia).

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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 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. It is assisted by a Registry, its international secretariat, whose activities are both judicial and diplomatic, as well as administrative. The official languages of the Court are French and English.

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