



# INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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### Frontier Dispute (Burkina Faso/Niger)

#### Broadcasting of the hearings online

#### Testing of the Court's new web streaming system

THE HAGUE, 4 October 2012. As announced in an earlier Press Release (No. 2012/25), the public hearings in the case concerning the Frontier Dispute (Burkina Faso/Niger), which will be held from Monday 8 to Wednesday 17 October 2012 at the Peace Palace in The Hague, will be broadcast live and in full on the Court's website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org), under the heading "Multimedia").

**The Registry has recently changed the way in which it broadcasts the Court's hearings online, with a view to making its video streams available to new portable electronic devices.**

Internet users (and journalists, in particular) wishing to view these video streams are invited to check whether their computer and/or electronic tablet is compatible with the Court's new streaming system by testing their settings using the video available on the following web page:

**[www.icj-cij.org/video/test](http://www.icj-cij.org/video/test)**

If you are able to view this video (with sound), your configuration is compatible with the Court's new system.

If you are unable to access this video (and/or to hear its soundtrack), you should adjust your firewall settings (the Open Ports settings for html pages, in particular). If the problem persists, you are requested to contact your IT support service; the Court's IT support service is not authorized to assist individuals. However, any journalists who are having problems viewing this video, despite adjusting their firewall settings, are invited to contact the Information Department, preferably before the start of the hearings.

#### Reminder

The times of the public hearings in the above-mentioned case are indicated, in local time (CET), in Press Release No. 2012/25. The hearings will also be made available as recorded webcasts (VOD, in Flash format) on the Court's multimedia gallery and, shortly thereafter, will be

uploaded to the United Nations multimedia site: <http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events>. The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Release No. 2012/14 of 22 March 2012, which is 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 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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