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Certain Activities carried out by Nicaragua in the Border Area (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua)

Request for the indication of new provisional measures

Admission procedures, video streaming and practical information for the media

THE HAGUE, 7 October 2013. As announced in Press Release 2013/25, issued on 2 October 2013, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will hold public hearings in the case concerning Certain Activities carried out by Nicaragua in the Border Area (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua), from Monday 14 to Thursday 17 October 2013, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court.

Accordingly, admission procedures have been established for members of the general public and the press, and various video streaming options (low and high resolution) will be made available.

A. Admission procedures

1. Access for media representatives

Media representatives are subject to an on-line accreditation procedure, which will close **at midnight on Thursday 10 October 2013**. For full details (timetable, technical facilities, etc.), see the paragraph below entitled “Further practical information for the media”.

2. Access for members of the general public

Owing to the very limited number of seats available in the Great Hall of Justice, priority access will be given to members of the delegations of States that are parties to the cases, and members of the Diplomatic Corps. **A number of seats will be allocated daily to members of the public on a first-come, first-served basis.** There will be no advance registration procedure, all previously sent requests to attend these hearings will be ignored.

B. Video streaming

1. Live HD video streaming for the use of the televised media (H264, 1080p)

Live video images of the hearings will, for the first time, be made available, remotely, to the televised media by means of a high definition streaming service (H264, 1080p) set up in co-operation with the Television Section (UNTV) of the United Nations Department of Public Information (UNDPI). These images (16/9 ratio) will be available in H264 high definition format (1080p, Full HD) in English and French. **Media wishing to obtain these images are requested to send an e-mail to tech@streamworksint.com no later than noon on Thursday 10 October 2013.** A technician will provide assistance in establishing and testing the necessary connection.

2. Live and on-demand video streaming for the general public (web streaming)

It will be possible to follow the hearings live and, later, on-demand (VOD) on two channels: (1) the Court's website (Multimedia Gallery); and (2) the United Nations on-line television channel (webtv.un.org), under the heading "Live Now" and, later, on-demand under the heading "Meeting & Events/ICJ". This e-broadcast service for the general public will be available in English and French on desktops. It will be available in the original language on mobile devices.

C. Further practical information for the media

1. Schedule for and verbatim records of the hearings

The schedule for the hearings is available on the Court's website, under the heading "Calendar". Verbatim records of the hearings will be published daily on the Court's website, with translations to follow as soon as practicable thereafter. On the final day of the hearings, a Press Release will be issued presenting the submissions of the Parties. It is recalled that the Court's press releases do not constitute official documents.

2. 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 9 and 9.30 a.m.; the hearings will start at 10 a.m. Only duly accredited individuals with valid identification will be permitted to enter the Peace Palace grounds. The Press Room will be open every day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

3. Parking at the Peace Palace, satellite vehicles

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 on-line accreditation form. Television media wishing to broadcast the hearings live should read paragraph B.1 above carefully and contact the Information Department as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

4. Access to the courtroom

Photographers and camera crews will only be permitted to enter the room for a few minutes at the start of each hearing. They will be accompanied by Registry staff members and must keep to the right side of the room. Media representatives will be able to follow the hearings from a press room.

5. Press Room

Proceedings will be transmitted live in English and French on a large screen in a press room equipped with Internet access (Wi-Fi, Ethernet). Live video and audio feeds will also be available via the Press Room breakout box HD-SDI (PAL) + SD-analogic (NTSC) (see also paragraph B.1 above).

6. Other media services

For further information (on requests for interviews, TV stand-up positions, audio and video outputs available, etc.), please visit the Court's website. Click on "Press Room", and then on "Media Services".

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