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

Public hearings postponed until March 2021

THE HAGUE, 22 May 2020. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, has decided to postpone to the week beginning Monday 15 March 2021 the oral proceedings in the case concerning *Maritime Delimitation in the Indian Ocean (Somalia v. Kenya)*, which were scheduled to open on Monday 8 June 2020.

The Court reached its decision, having duly considered the views and arguments of the Parties, following Kenya's request for a postponement of the oral proceedings in the case owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A further press release will be issued in due course regarding the full schedule of the hearings, as well as the admission and accreditation procedures for members of the public and media representatives.

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, 2019/37 and 2019/41, available on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org).

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