



INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Peace Palace, Carnegieplein 2, 2517 KJ The Hague, Netherlands

Tel.: +31 (0)70 302 2323 Fax: +31 (0)70 364 9928

Website: www.icj-cij.org Twitter Account: [@CIJ_ICJ](https://twitter.com/CIJ_ICJ) YouTube Channel: [CIJ ICJ](https://www.youtube.com/CIJ_ICJ)

LinkedIn page: [International Court of Justice \(ICJ\)](https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-court-of-justice)

Press Release

Unofficial

No. 2020/8

17 March 2020

Arbitral Award of 3 October 1899 (Guyana v. Venezuela)

The Court has decided to postpone until further notice the public hearings due to open on Monday 23 March 2020

THE HAGUE, 17 March 2020. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, has decided to postpone until further notice the public hearings in the case concerning the *Arbitral Award of 3 October 1899 (Guyana v. Venezuela)*, which had been due to take place between Monday 23 and Friday 27 March 2020.

A press release announcing the new dates for the hearings will be issued in due course.

The Court took this decision in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in paragraphs 207-215 of the Court's Annual Report for 2018-2019 and in Press Release No. 2020/5, which are available on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org).

Note: The Court's press releases are prepared by its Registry for information purposes only and do not constitute official documents.

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, through judgments which have binding force and are without appeal for the parties concerned, legal disputes submitted to it by States; and, second, to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and agencies of the system.

Information Department:

Mr. Andrey Poskakukhin, First Secretary of the Court, Head of Department (+31 (0)70 302 2336)

Ms Joanne Moore, Information Officer (+31 (0)70 302 2337)

Mr. Avo Sevag Garabet, Associate Information Officer (+31 (0)70 302 2394)

Ms Genoveva Madurga, Administrative Assistant (+31 (0)70 302 2396)