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***Alleged Violations of the 1955 Treaty of Amity, Economic Relations, and Consular Rights
(Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)***

Preliminary objections

The Court to hold public hearings from Monday 14 to Monday 21 September 2020

THE HAGUE, 31 July 2020. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will hold public hearings in the case concerning *Alleged Violations of the 1955 Treaty of Amity, Economic Relations, and Consular Rights (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)* from Monday 14 to Monday 21 September 2020, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court.

The hearings will be devoted to the preliminary objections raised by the United States of America.

In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the hearings will take place by video link. Some Members of the Court will attend the oral proceedings in person in the Great Hall of Justice, while others will participate remotely by video link. Representatives of the Parties to the case will address the Court by video link. Members of the diplomatic corps, the media and the public will be able to follow the hearings through a live webcast on the Court's website, as well as on UN Web TV.

The programme of the hearings will be announced at a later stage.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in paragraphs 256-267 of the Court's Annual Report for 2018-2019 and in press release No. 2019/34, both of which are available on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org).

Multimedia

The hearings will be streamed live and on demand (VOD) in English and French on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org/en/multimedia-index) as well as on UN Web TV, the United Nations online television channel.

Still photographs will be posted on the first two days of the hearings on the ICJ website, as well as on the Court's Twitter feed (@CIJ_ICJ). Selected high-resolution video footage (b-roll) of the event will be available for TV use on the Court's website on the same days.

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