



# INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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## Press Release

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**Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the  
Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem**

**(Request for Advisory Opinion)**

**The Court makes an Order organizing the proceedings; it fixes the time-limits for the  
presentation of written statements and for written comments on those statements**

THE HAGUE, 8 February 2023. Following the request by the General Assembly of the United Nations for the International Court of Justice to render an advisory opinion on the legal consequences arising from the policies and practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem (see [press release](#) No. 2023/4 of 20 January 2023), the Court has made an Order organizing the proceedings.

In its Order dated 3 February 2023, the Court decides that “the United Nations and its Member States, as well as the observer State of Palestine, are considered likely to be able to furnish information on the questions submitted to the Court for an advisory opinion”. Pursuant to Article 66, paragraph 2, of its Statute, it fixes 25 July 2023 as the time-limit within which written statements on the questions may be presented to the Court, and 25 October 2023 as the time-limit within which States and organizations having presented written statements may submit written comments on the written statements made by other States or organizations, in accordance with Article 66, paragraph 4, of the Statute.

The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.

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### History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in [press release](#) No. 2023/4, available on the Court’s website.

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The full text of the Order will shortly be available on the [Court's website](#).

Written statements and written comments on those statements are confidential at this stage in the proceedings.

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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 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.

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