



# INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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**Case concerning Land and Maritime Boundary between Cameroon and Nigeria  
(Cameroon v. Nigeria)**

**Jurisdiction of the Court and admissibility of Cameroon's claims**

**Court to give its decision on Thursday 11 June 1998**

THE HAGUE, 4 June 1998. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will announce on Thursday 11 June 1998 whether it has jurisdiction to deal with the merits of the case brought by Cameroon against Nigeria concerning the land and maritime boundary between the two States. The Court will also announce whether Cameroon's claims are admissible.

A public sitting will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Peace Palace in The Hague during which the President of the Court, Judge Stephen M. Schwebel, will read the Judgment.

Nigeria contends that the Court has no jurisdiction in the matter and that the claims of Cameroon are not admissible.

Pursuant to Article 79 of its Rules, the Court has to decide on these preliminary objections before proceeding to the merits of the case.

The Parties have presented their arguments in writing and during public hearings which were held between 2 and 11 March 1998.

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**NOTE TO THE PRESS**

1. The public sitting will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands. Mobile telephones and beepers are allowed in the courtroom **provided they are turned off or set on silent mode**. Any offending device will be temporarily retained.

2. Members of the Press will be entitled to attend on presentation of an admission card, which may be obtained upon application. The tables reserved for them are situated on the far left of the public entrance of the courtroom.

3. Photographs may be taken for a few minutes at the opening and at the end of the sitting. Television crews may film, but advance notice should be given to the Information Office (see paragraph 8).

4. In the Press Room, located on the ground floor of the Peace Palace (Room 5), the reading of the Court's decision will be relayed through a loudspeaker.

5. At the end of the sitting, a press release and a summary of the Judgment will be distributed in the Press Room.

6. The press release, the summary and the full text of the Judgment will be simultaneously available on the Website of the Court (<http://www.icj-cij.org>).

7. Members of the Press who wish to make telephone calls may use the phone located in the Press Room for collect calls or the public telephones in the Post Office in the basement of the Peace Palace.

8. Mr. Arthur Witteveen, Secretary of the Court (tel: 31-70-302 2336), and Mrs. Laurence Blairon, Information Officer (tel: 31-70-302 2337), are available to deal with any requests for information and for making arrangements for television coverage.

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