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The ICJ extends the period during which no hearings will be held

THE HAGUE, 7 April 2020. Given the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court has decided to extend to 31 May the period during which no hearings will be held (see Press Release No. 2020/9). Visits are also cancelled until the end of May.

The adopted measures will be subject to further review as the situation develops. Relevant information will be published on the Court's website (press releases) and on social media.

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