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Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Qatar v. United Arab Emirates)

Preliminary objections

The Court to deliver its Judgment on Thursday 4 February 2021 at 3 p.m.

THE HAGUE, 2 February 2021. On Thursday 4 February 2021, the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will deliver its Judgment on the preliminary objections raised by the United Arab Emirates in the case concerning *Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Qatar v. United Arab Emirates)*.

A public sitting of the Court will take place at 3 p.m. at the Peace Palace in The Hague, during which the President of the ICJ, Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf, will read out the Court's decision.

In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic, only Members of the Court and representatives of the Parties will be present in the Great Hall of Justice. Members of the diplomatic corps, the media and the public will be able to follow the reading through a live webcast on the Court's website, as well as on UN Web TV.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in press releases Nos. 2018/26 of 11 June 2018, 2018/36 of 23 July 2018, 2019/12 of 25 March 2019, 2019/26 of 14 June 2019 and 2020/27 of 8 September 2020, available on the Court's [website](#).

Multimedia

The sitting will be streamed live and on demand (VOD) in English and in French on the Court's website, as well as on UN Web TV. High resolution video files and still photos produced by the Registry during the reading of the Judgment will be available free of charge, for non-commercial use, on the Court's website and Twitter feed (@CIJ_ICJ) at the close of the sitting (to download, click on [Multimedia](#)).

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