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## Press Release

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### *Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change*

#### (Request for Advisory Opinion)

#### Three-month extension of the time-limits for the submission of written statements and written comments

THE HAGUE, 9 August 2023. By an [Order dated 4 August 2023](#) in the advisory proceedings on the *Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change*, the President of the International Court of Justice extended to 22 January 2024 the time-limit within which written statements on the questions put to the Court may be submitted in accordance with Article 66, paragraph 2, of its Statute, and to 22 April 2024 the time-limit within which States and organizations having presented written statements to the Court may submit written comments on the other written statements, in accordance with Article 66, paragraph 4, of the Statute.

The extension was granted further to a request submitted on 24 July 2023 by Vanuatu, together with 14 co-signatory States, and supported by the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law and by Chile.

The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.

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#### **Procedure of the Court and history of the proceedings**

The Registry recently published an [explanatory note](#) on the Court's website concerning the procedure followed by the ICJ with regard to requests for advisory opinions.

Earlier [press releases](#) relating to this case are also available on the website.

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