

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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Press Release

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<u>Construction of a Road in Costa Rica along the San Juan River</u> (Nicaragua v. Costa Rica)

<u>Certain Activities carried out by Nicaragua in the Border Area</u> <u>(Costa Rica v. Nicaragua)</u>

Request for the indication of provisional measures filed by Nicaragua on 11 October 2013

The Court to deliver its Order on Friday 13 December 2013 at 10 a.m.

THE HAGUE, 10 December 2013. On Friday 13 December 2013, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will deliver its Order on the Request for the indication of provisional measures submitted by the Republic of Nicaragua in the case concerning the Construction of a Road in Costa Rica along the San Juan River (Nicaragua v. Costa Rica) which has been joined with the case concerning Certain Activities carried out by Nicaragua in the Border Area (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua).

A public sitting will take place at 10 a.m. (The Hague time) at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court, during which the President of the Court, Mr. Peter Tomka, will read the Court's Order.

Admission procedures have been established for members of the public and the press, and various video streaming options (low and high resolution) will be made available.

A. Admission procedures

Owing to the limited number of seats available in the Great Hall of Justice, priority access will be given to representatives of the States that are parties to the case, and members of the diplomatic corps.

1. Members of the diplomatic corps

The Information Department requests members of the diplomatic corps who plan to attend the reading of the Order to notify it accordingly **before midnight on Wednesday** 11 December 2013 (The Hague time), by e-mail to confirmation@icj-cij.org.

2. Members of the public

A number of seats will be allocated to members of the public on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be no advance registration procedure, and admission requests submitted beforehand will not be considered.

3. Media representatives

Media representatives are subject to an <u>online</u> accreditation procedure, which will close **at midnight on Wednesday 11 December 2013**. For full details (timetable, technical facilities, etc.), see the section below entitled "Further practical information for the media".

B. Video streaming

1. Live HD video streaming for the use of the televised media (H264, 1080p)

Live video images of the reading of the Order will be made available, remotely, to the televised media by means of a high-definition streaming service (H264, 1080p), set up in co-operation with the Television Section (UNTV) of the United Nations Department of Public Information (UNDPI). These images (16/9 ratio) will be available in H264 high-definition format (1080p, full HD), with the audio track available in both English and French, the official languages of the Court. Media wishing to obtain these images are requested to send an e-mail to cij-icj@streamworksint.com no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 11 December 2013. A technician will provide assistance in establishing and testing the necessary connection.

2. Live and on-demand video streaming for the general public (web streaming)

It will be possible to follow the hearings live and, later, on demand (VOD) on two channels: (1) the Court's website (Multimedia Gallery); and (2) the United Nations online television channel (webtv.un.org), under the heading "Live Now" and, later, on demand under the heading "Meeting & Events/ICJ". This e-broadcast service for the general public will be available in English and French on desktops. It will be available in the original language on mobile devices.

C. Further practical information for the media

1. Entry to the Peace Palace

Media representatives must bring with them their personal ID and press card. They are asked to arrive at the Peace Palace gates between 9 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Only duly accredited individuals with valid identification will be permitted to enter the Peace Palace grounds. The Press Room will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2. Parking at the Peace Palace, satellite vehicles

No parking is allowed in the Peace Palace grounds apart from satellite vehicles. Media wishing to park satellite vehicles are requested to fill in the appropriate fields in the online accreditation form. Televised media wishing to broadcast the sitting live should read paragraph B.1 above carefully and contact the Information Department as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

3. Access to the courtroom

Photographers and camera crews will only be permitted to enter the room for a few minutes at the start of the sitting. They will be accompanied by Registry staff members and must keep to the right-hand side of the room. Journalists will be able to follow the reading of the Order from the Press Room.

4. Press Room

The reading of the Order will be transmitted live on a large screen, in English and French, in a press room equipped with Internet access (Wi-Fi, Ethernet). TV crews can connect to the Court's PAL (HD and SD) and NTSC (SD) audio-visual system (see also paragraph B.1 above), and radio reporters to the audio system.

5. Other media services

For further information (on requests for interviews, TV stand-up positions, audio and video outputs available, etc.), please visit the Court's website. Click on "Press Room", and then on "Media Services".

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