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Arbitral Award of 3 October 1899 (Guyana v. Venezuela)

Preliminary Objections

The Court to hold public hearings on the preliminary objections raised by Venezuela from Thursday 17 to Tuesday 22 November 2022

THE HAGUE, 21 October 2022. The International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will hold public hearings in the case concerning the *Arbitral Award of 3 October 1899 (Guyana v. Venezuela)* from Thursday 17 to Tuesday 22 November 2022, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court.

The hearings will be devoted to the preliminary objections raised by Venezuela.

Schedule for the hearings

First round of oral argument

Thursday 17 November 2022 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Venezuela

Friday 18 November 2022 3 p.m.-6 p.m.: Guyana

Second round of oral argument

Monday 21 November 2022 10 a.m.-10.45 a.m.: Venezuela

Tuesday 22 November 2022 10 a.m.-10.45 a.m.: Guyana

A. Practical information and admission procedures

All those present at the hearings will be required to wear a face mask, except when taking the floor. There will be no parking in the Peace Palace grounds.

1. Members of the diplomatic corps

Owing to the limited number of seats available in the Great Hall of Justice, members of the diplomatic corps who wish to attend the hearings are requested to kindly notify the Registry's Information Department by Monday 14 November 2022 at the latest, by email to confirmation@icj-cij.org, indicating which session(s) (date and time) they wish to attend. If a seat is available for their chosen session(s), they will receive a confirmation email from the Information Department by Wednesday 16 November 2022 and, on presenting that email and a valid diplomatic ID at the main gate of the Peace Palace on the day of their chosen session(s), will be provided with a badge giving access to the Great Hall of Justice. Seats in the Great Hall of Justice will be allocated on the basis of availability.

2. Members of the public

A limited number of seats in the public gallery will be available for 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. Members of the public wishing to attend the hearings are requested to present themselves at the main gate of the Peace Palace 40 minutes before the start of the public session they wish to attend. They will be provided with a badge giving access to the public gallery upon presentation of a valid ID. The security officers at the gate will notify those concerned once all seats available for members of the public have been filled. Admission to the public gallery will close 20 minutes before the start of the sitting.

3. Media representatives

Media representatives are subject to an online accreditation procedure, which will close at midnight on Monday 14 November 2022 (The Hague time). Requests submitted after this deadline will not be considered. The Court's Press Room can accommodate 30 people only. Accreditation requests will be considered on a first-come first-served basis.

B. Further practical information for the media

1. Entry to the Peace Palace

Only duly accredited individuals with valid identification will be permitted to enter the Peace Palace grounds. Accredited media representatives must bring with them their personal ID and press card. They are asked to arrive at the Peace Palace gates no later than 30 minutes before the start of the hearings. The Press Room will be open one and a half hours before the start of hearings and will close one hour after they conclude.

2. Access to the courtroom

Photographers and camera crews will only be permitted to enter the courtroom for a few minutes before the opening of the first round of oral argument of each Party. They will be accompanied by a member of the Information Department. Other media representatives will not have access to the courtroom.

3. Press Room facilities

The hearings will be transmitted live on a large screen, in English and in French, in a press room equipped with shared internet access (Wi-Fi, Ethernet). TV crews can connect to the Court's PAL (HD and SD) and NTSC (SD) audio-visual system and radio reporters to the audio system.

4. Multimedia

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

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in [press releases](#) Nos. 2018/17, 2020/18 and 2020/37, available on the Court's website.

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The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It was established by the United Nations Charter in June 1945 and began its activities in April 1946. The Court is composed of 15 judges elected for a nine-year term by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. The seat of the Court is at the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands). The Court has a twofold role: first, to settle, in accordance with international law, through judgments which have binding force and are without appeal for the parties concerned, legal disputes submitted to it by States; and, second, to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and agencies of the system.

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