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Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

(Request for Advisory Opinion)

Filing of written statements

THE HAGUE, 7 August 2023. In the advisory proceedings on the *Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*, 57 written statements have been filed in the Registry of the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations.

It is recalled that, in its [Order of 3 February 2023](#), the Court, pursuant to Article 66, paragraph 2, of its Statute, fixed 25 July 2023 as the time-limit for the presentation of written statements. Fifty-five written statements were filed in the Registry within this time-limit by (in order of receipt): Türkiye, Namibia, Luxembourg, Canada, Bangladesh, Jordan, Chile, Liechtenstein, Lebanon, Norway, Israel, Algeria, League of Arab States, Syrian Arab Republic, Palestine, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, Egypt, Guyana, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Switzerland, Spain, Russian Federation, Italy, Yemen, Maldives, United Arab Emirates, Oman, African Union, Pakistan, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Hungary, Brazil, France, Kuwait, United States of America, China, The Gambia, Ireland, Belize, Bolivia, Cuba, Mauritius, Morocco, Czechia, Malaysia, Colombia, Indonesia, Guatemala, Nauru, Djibouti, Togo and Fiji.

In addition, the President of the Court decided, on an exceptional basis, to authorize the late filing of the written statements of Senegal, on 28 July 2023, and Zambia, on 3 August 2023.

Pursuant to Article 106 of the Rules of Court, the Court may decide to make the written statements accessible to the public on or after the opening of the oral proceedings in the case.

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.

Note: The Court's press releases are prepared by its Registry for information purposes only and do not constitute official documents.

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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