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Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change

(Request for Advisory Opinion)

The Court authorizes the Parties to the Nauru Agreement Office to participate in the proceedings

THE HAGUE, 4 March 2024. The International Court of Justice has authorized the Parties to the Nauru Agreement Office (PNAO), at its request, to participate in the advisory proceedings on the *Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change*. The PNAO was established under the 1982 Nauru Agreement concerning Cooperation in the Management of Fisheries of Common Stocks.

Pursuant to Article 66 of its Statute, the Court has decided that the PNAO is likely to be able to furnish information on the questions submitted to it by the General Assembly. The PNAO may therefore present a written statement on those questions, and written comments on any written statements made by States or other organizations, within the time-limits as extended by President Donoghue in her [Order of 15 December 2023](#), namely 22 March 2024 and 24 June 2024, respectively. The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.

History of the proceedings

Earlier [press releases](#) relating to these proceedings are available on the Court's website.

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