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Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change

(Request for Advisory Opinion)

Extension of the time-limit for the submission of written comments

THE HAGUE, 31 May 2024. By an [Order](#) dated 30 May 2024 in the advisory proceedings on the *Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change*, the President of the International Court of Justice extended to 15 August 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.

By an Order of the President dated 15 December 2023, the date for the submission of written comments had already been extended to 24 June 2024. This additional extension was granted at the request of some States and organizations participating in the proceedings.

The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.

Procedure of the Court and history of the proceedings

The Registry has 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 these proceedings are also available on the website.

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