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## Press Release

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### *Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change*

#### (Request for Advisory Opinion)

#### Conclusion of the public hearings held from 2 to 13 December 2024

THE HAGUE, 13 December 2024. The public hearings on the request for an advisory opinion on the *Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change* concluded today.

During the hearings, 96 States and 11 international organizations presented oral statements (in the following order): Vanuatu and the Melanesian Spearhead Group (jointly); South Africa; Albania; Germany; Antigua and Barbuda; Saudi Arabia; Australia; Bahamas; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belize; Bolivia; Brazil; Burkina Faso; Cameroon; the Philippines; Canada; Chile; China; Colombia; the Commonwealth of Dominica; the Republic of Korea; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden (jointly); Egypt; El Salvador; the United Arab Emirates; Ecuador; Spain; the United States of America; the Russian Federation; Fiji; France; Sierra Leone; Ghana; Grenada; Guatemala; the Cook Islands; the Marshall Islands; the Solomon Islands; India; Iran; Indonesia; Jamaica; Papua New Guinea; Kenya; Kiribati; Kuwait; Latvia; Liechtenstein; Malawi; Maldives; the African Union; Mexico; Micronesia; Myanmar; Namibia; Japan; Nauru; Nepal; New Zealand; Palestine; Pakistan; Palau; Panama; the Netherlands; Peru; the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Portugal; the Dominican Republic; Romania; the United Kingdom; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Senegal; Seychelles; The Gambia; Singapore; Slovenia; Sudan; Sri Lanka; Switzerland; Serbia; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Tonga; Tuvalu; Comoros; Uruguay; Viet Nam; Zambia; the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency; the Alliance of Small Island States; the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law; the Pacific Community; the Pacific Islands Forum; the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States; the World Health Organization; the European Union; and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

The verbatim records of the hearings, including the lists of participating delegations, are available on the [case page](#) on the Court's website. High-resolution video clips and still photos produced by the Registry during the hearings are available free of charge and free of copyright for editorial, non-commercial use on the [Multimedia page](#) on the Court's website.

The Court will now begin its deliberation.

The Court's advisory opinion will be delivered at a public sitting, the date of which will be announced in due course.

Earlier [press releases](#) relating to this case, including the history of the proceedings, are available on the Court's website.

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