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***Obligations of Israel in relation to the Presence and Activities of the United Nations,
Other International Organizations and Third States in and in relation to
the Occupied Palestinian Territory***

(Request for Advisory Opinion)

The Court authorizes the African Union to participate in the proceedings

THE HAGUE, 20 February 2025. The International Court of Justice has authorized the African Union, at its request, to participate in the advisory proceedings on the *Obligations of Israel in relation to the Presence and Activities of the United Nations, Other International Organizations and Third States in and in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territory*.

Pursuant to Article 66 of the Statute of the Court, the Vice-President of the Court, HE Judge Julia Sebutinde, Acting President, has decided that the African Union is likely to be able to furnish information on the question submitted to the Court by the General Assembly. The African Union may therefore present a written statement on that question within the time-limit fixed by the President's [Order of 23 December 2024](#), i.e. by 28 February 2025.

The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.

History of the proceedings

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

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