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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)

Filing of written statements and opening date of the public hearings

THE HAGUE, 12 March 2025. 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*, 45 written statements have been filed in the Registry of the International Court of Justice by States and international organizations.

Within the time-limit for the presentation of written statements, fixed by the Order of the President of the Court of 23 December 2024, statements were filed in the Registry by (in order of receipt): Chile, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, Türkiye, Pakistan, Qatar, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Slovenia, Spain, the Philippines, Kuwait, Hungary, South Africa, Namibia, Ireland, the Maldives, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Luxembourg, Iran, Indonesia, China, the Netherlands, Bolivia, Brazil, Algeria, Senegal, Bangladesh, the Comoros, the League of Arab States, Belgium, Vanuatu, Tunisia, Norway, Egypt, Iceland, Israel, France, Poland, Palestine, the United States of America, Mexico and Colombia.

In addition, the Court decided, on an exceptional basis, to authorize the late filing of the written statement of the African Union.

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 (on the <u>case page</u> on the website of the Court).

The Court will hold public hearings, which will open on Monday 28 April 2025 at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court. A further press release will be issued in due course detailing the schedule for the hearings and the admission and accreditation procedures for members of the diplomatic corps, members of the public and media representatives.

Procedure of the Court and history of the proceedings

The Registry has published an <u>explanatory note</u> 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 Court's 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, 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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