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Amendments to the Rules of Court, the Resolution concerning the Internal Judicial Practice of the Court and the Practice Directions

THE HAGUE, 24 October 2023. The International Court of Justice has amended the Rules of Court, the Resolution concerning the Internal Judicial Practice of the Court and the Practice Directions to render their provisions gender inclusive. The amendments enter into force today.

The full text of the updated Rules of Court, the Resolution concerning the Internal Judicial Practice of the Court and the Practice Directions can be viewed on the Court's website under "[Basic documents](#)".

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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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