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Maritime Delimitation in the Indian Ocean (Somalia v. Kenya)

Final submissions of Somalia to be made on Thursday 18 March 2021 at 3 p.m.

THE HAGUE, 17 March 2021. Public hearings in the case concerning *Maritime Delimitation in the Indian Ocean (Somalia v. Kenya)* will conclude tomorrow, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court, after which the Court will begin its deliberation.

Oral arguments were presented by the Federal Republic of Somalia on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 March 2021. In light of the fact that, by a letter dated 17 March 2021, the Republic of Kenya confirmed its decision not to participate in the oral proceedings, Somalia will present its final submissions on Thursday 18 March 2021 at 3 p.m.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in [press releases](#) Nos. 2014/27, 2017/5, 2020/13, 2021/9 and 2021/11, available on the Court's website.

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