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Press Release

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Arbitral Award of 3 October 1899 (Guyana v. Venezuela)

The Court to deliver its Judgment on Thursday 6 April 2023 at 3 p.m.

THE HAGUE, 3 April 2023. On Thursday 6 April 2023, the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will deliver its Judgment on the preliminary objection raised by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the case concerning the *Arbitral Award of 3 October 1899 (Guyana v. Venezuela)*.

A public sitting will take place at 3 p.m. at the Peace Palace in The Hague, during which Judge Joan E. Donoghue, President of the Court, will read out the Court's decision.

A. Practical information and admission procedures

All those present at the reading will be required to wear a face mask. There will be no parking on the Peace Palace grounds.

1. Members of the diplomatic corps

Owing to the limited number of seats available in the Great Hall of Justice, members of the diplomatic corps who wish to attend the reading are requested to kindly notify the Registry's Information Department by Tuesday 4 April 2023 at the latest, by email to confirmation@icj-cij.org. On presenting that email and a valid diplomatic ID at the main gate of the Peace Palace on the day of the reading, they will be provided with a badge giving access to the Great Hall of Justice. Seats in the Great Hall of Justice will be allocated on the basis of availability.

2. Members of the public

A limited number of seats in the public gallery will be available for members of the public on a first-come first-served basis. There will be no advance registration procedure, and admission requests submitted beforehand will not be considered. Members of the public wishing to attend the reading are requested to present themselves at the main gate of the Peace Palace 40 minutes before

the start of the public session. They will be provided with a badge giving access to the public gallery upon presentation of a valid ID. The security officers at the gate will notify those concerned once all seats available for members of the public have been filled. Admission to the public gallery will close 20 minutes before the start of the sitting.

3. Media representatives

Media representatives who wish to attend the reading are kindly requested to notify the Registry's Information Department by Tuesday 4 April 2023 at the latest, by email to media@icj-cij.org. Requests submitted after this deadline will not be considered. The Court's Press Room can accommodate 30 people only. Accreditation requests will be considered on a first-come first-served basis.

B. Further practical information for the media

1. Entry to the Peace Palace

Only duly accredited individuals with valid identification will be permitted to enter the Peace Palace grounds. Accredited media representatives must bring with them their personal ID and press card. They are asked to arrive at the Peace Palace gates no later than 30 minutes before the start of the reading. The Press Room will be open one and a half hours before the start of the reading and will close one hour after it concludes.

2. Access to the courtroom

Photographers and camera crews will only be permitted to enter the courtroom for a few minutes before the opening of the session. They will be accompanied by a member of the Information Department. Other media representatives will not have access to the courtroom.

3. Press Room

The reading will be transmitted live on a large screen in the two official languages of the Court, English and French, in a press room equipped with shared internet access (Wi-Fi and Ethernet). TV crews can connect to the Court's PAL (HD and SD) and NTSC (SD) audio-visual system, and radio reporters to the audio system.

4. Multimedia

The reading will be streamed [live](#) and on demand (VOD) in the two official languages of the Court, English and French, on the Court's website and on [UN Web TV](#). High-resolution video clips and still photos produced by the Registry during the reading will be available free of charge and free of copyright for editorial, non-commercial use, on the Court's website and Twitter feed (@CIJ_ICJ) (to download, click on [Multimedia](#)).

History of the proceedings

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

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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, through judgments which have binding force and are without appeal for the parties concerned, 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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