



# INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Peace Palace, Carnegieplein 2, 2517 KJ The Hague, Netherlands

Tel.: +31 (0)70 302 2323 Fax: +31 (0)70 364 9928

[Website](#) [X](#) [YouTube](#) [LinkedIn](#)

---

## Press Release

Unofficial

No. 2026/13

11 May 2026

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

#### Conclusion of the public hearings on the merits held from Monday 4 to Monday 11 May 2026

THE HAGUE, 11 May 2026. The public hearings on the merits in the case concerning *Arbitral Award of 3 October 1899 (Guyana v. Venezuela)* concluded today with the final submissions of Venezuela. The hearings, which opened on Monday 4 May 2026, comprised two rounds of oral argument.

The delegation of Guyana was led by Hon. Hugh Hilton Todd, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and Hon. Carl B. Greenidge, former Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, as Agent. The delegation of Venezuela was led by HE Ms Delcy Rodríguez Gómez, Acting President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and Mr Samuel Reinaldo Moncada Acosta, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations, as Agent.

The final submissions of the Parties, made by the Agents at the end of Guyana's oral argument on Friday 8 May 2026 and Venezuela's oral argument on Monday 11 May 2026, can be found on the [website](#) of the Court in verbatim records 2026/28 and 2026/29, respectively. The verbatim records also include the lists of the delegations.

The Court will now begin its deliberation.

The Court's decision will be delivered at a public sitting, the date of which will be announced in due course.

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

---

High-resolution cover shots and still photos produced by the Registry during the hearings are available free of charge and free of copyright for editorial, non-commercial use, on the [Multimedia page](#) of 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 specialized agencies.

---

Information Department:

Ms Monique Legerman, First Secretary of the Court, Head of Department: +31 (0)70 302 2336

Ms Joanne Moore, Information Officer: +31 (0)70 302 2337

Mr Avo Sevag Garabet, Associate Information Officer: +31 (0)70 302 2481

Email: [media@icj-cij.org](mailto:media@icj-cij.org)