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***Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide
(The Gambia v. Myanmar: 11 States intervening)***

**Conclusion of the public hearings on the merits held from
Monday 12 to Thursday 29 January 2026**

THE HAGUE, 29 January 2026. The public hearings on the merits in the case concerning *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (The Gambia v. Myanmar: 11 States intervening)* concluded today with the final submissions of Myanmar.

The hearings, which opened on Monday 12 January 2026, comprised two rounds of oral argument, the examination of three witnesses and one expert called by The Gambia, and the examination of one witness called by Myanmar. The delegation of The Gambia was led by HE Mr Dawda Jallow, Attorney General and Minister of Justice of the Republic of The Gambia, as Agent. The delegation of Myanmar was led by HE Mr Ko Ko Hlaing, Union Minister for the Ministry of the President's Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, as Agent.

The final submissions of the Parties, made by the Agents at the end of The Gambia's oral argument on Tuesday 27 January 2026 and Myanmar's oral argument on Thursday 29 January 2026, can be found on the website of the Court in verbatim records [2026/20](#) and [2026/23](#), respectively. The verbatim records also include the lists of the participating 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.

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