



# INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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## Press Release

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### **Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change**

#### **(Request for Advisory Opinion)**

#### **The Court to deliver its Advisory Opinion on Wednesday 23 July 2025 at 3 p.m.**

THE HAGUE, 7 July 2025. On Wednesday 23 July 2025, the International Court of Justice will deliver its Advisory Opinion on the *Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change*.

A public sitting will take place at 3 p.m. during which Judge Iwasawa Yuji, President of the Court, will read out the Advisory Opinion.

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

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Members of the diplomatic corps, the public and the media will find below practical information regarding the organization of the sitting.

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#### **A. Practical information and admission procedures**

There will be no parking on the Peace Palace grounds.

##### **1. Members of the diplomatic corps**

Seats in the Great Hall of Justice will be reserved for members of the diplomatic corps of participant States and representatives of international organizations that participated in the proceedings, who will be invited to attend the sitting. Representatives of States that did not participate in the proceedings will be accommodated in the Small Hall of Justice, where they will be able to

follow the proceedings live. The latter are requested to fill out an [online registration form](#) by midnight (The Hague time) on Sunday 20 July 2025.

## 2. Members of the public

Fifteen seats in the public gallery of the Great Hall of Justice will be reserved 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 are requested to present themselves at the main gate of the Peace Palace no later than 40 minutes before the start of the sitting. They will be given a badge providing access to the public gallery upon presentation of valid ID. The security officers at the gate will notify those concerned once all available seats have been filled.

## 3. Media representatives

Representatives of the media will be accommodated in a press room on the ground floor of the Peace Palace. **Please note that there are only 40 places available.** Accreditation requests will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Media representatives who wish to attend the reading are requested to fill out an [online accreditation form](#) by midnight (The Hague time) on Sunday 20 July 2025. **The online accreditation process will close as soon as capacity is reached. No requests received by phone or email will be accepted. Requests submitted after this deadline will not be considered.**

## **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.

### 2. Access to the courtroom

A limited number of professional photographers and camera operators will be permitted to enter the courtroom for a few minutes before the start of the session. They will be accompanied by members of the Information Department.

### 3. Press Room

The reading will be transmitted live 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) audiovisual system, and radio reporters to the audio system. The press room will be open one and a half hours before the start of the sitting and will close one hour after it concludes.

#### 4. Multimedia

The reading will be streamed live and on demand (VOD) in the two official languages of the Court, on the [Court's website](#), the section of the [Journal of the United Nations](#) dedicated to the ICJ and on [UN Web TV](#). High-resolution cover shots and still photos produced by the Registry during the sitting will be available free of charge and free of copyright for editorial, non-commercial use, on the Court's website (to download, click on [Multimedia](#)) and X feed (@CIJ\_ICJ).

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