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Right to Strike under ILO Convention No. 87

(Request for Advisory Opinion)

The Court to deliver its Advisory Opinion on Thursday 21 May at 3 p.m.

THE HAGUE, 12 May 2026. On Thursday 21 May 2026, the International Court of Justice will deliver its Advisory Opinion on the *Right to Strike under ILO Convention No. 87*.

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.

Members of the diplomatic corps from States that did not participate in the proceedings, the public and the media will find below practical information regarding the organization of the sitting.

A. Practical information and admission procedures

There will be no parking on the Peace Palace grounds.

1. Members of the diplomatic corps

Representatives of States and organizations that had been authorized to participate in the advisory proceedings have been invited to attend the sitting. A limited number of seats will also be made available in the Great Hall of Justice for representatives of other States. The latter are requested to fill out an [online registration form](#) by 12 noon (The Hague time) on Monday 18 May 2026.

Requests submitted after this deadline will not be considered. Seats in the Great Hall of Justice will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. On presenting a confirmation of registration from the Information Department and valid diplomatic ID at the main gate of the Peace Palace on the day of the sitting, diplomats will be given a badge providing access to the Great Hall of Justice.

2. Members of the public

Only 15 seats will be available in the public gallery 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 sitting are requested to present themselves at the main gate of the Peace Palace at least 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

Media representatives who wish to attend the sitting are requested to kindly fill out an [online accreditation form](#) by 12 noon (The Hague time) on Monday 18 May 2026. Requests submitted after this deadline will not be considered. The Court's press room can accommodate only a limited number of people. Accreditation requests will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. **No requests received by phone or email will be accepted.**

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. Other media representatives will not have access to the courtroom.

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](#)), [LinkedIn account](#) and X feed (@CIJ_ICJ).

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