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***Alleged Breaches of Certain International Obligations in respect of the
Occupied Palestinian Territory (Nicaragua v. Germany)***

Preliminary objections raised by Germany

**Conclusion of the public hearings held from Monday 7
to Thursday 10 September 2026**

THE HAGUE, 10 September 2026. The public hearings on the preliminary objections raised by Germany in the case concerning *Alleged Breaches of Certain International Obligations in respect of the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Nicaragua v. Germany)* concluded today with the presentation of Nicaragua's final submissions. The hearings, which opened on Monday 7 September 2026, comprised two rounds of oral argument.

The delegation of Germany was led by Ms Julia Monar, Legal Adviser and Director-General for Legal Affairs at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, as Agent. The delegation of Nicaragua was led by HE Mr Carlos José Argüello Gómez, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the international organizations based in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as Agent.

The final submissions of the Parties, made by the Agents at the end of Germany's oral argument on Wednesday 9 September 2026 and Nicaragua's oral argument on Thursday 10 September 2026, can be found on the [website](#) of the Court in verbatim records 2026/32 and 2026/33, 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.

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