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## Press Release

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***Obligations of Israel in relation to the Presence and Activities of the United Nations,  
Other International Organizations and Third States in and in relation to  
the Occupied Palestinian Territory***

**(Request for Advisory Opinion)**

**Public hearings to be held from Monday 28 April to Friday 2 May 2025**

THE HAGUE, 9 April 2025. The International Court of Justice will hold public hearings on the request for an advisory opinion on the *Obligations of Israel in relation to the Presence and Activities of the United Nations, Other International Organizations and Third States in and in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territory* from Monday 28 April to Friday 2 May 2025 at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court.

Forty States and four international organizations have expressed their intention to participate in the oral proceedings before the Court.

### Schedule for the hearings

The schedule for the hearings adopted by the Court is as follows:

Monday 28 April 2025	10 a.m.-10.15 a.m.	Opening of the oral proceedings
	10.15 a.m.-10.45 a.m.	United Nations
	10.45 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	Palestine
	11.30 a.m.-11.45 a.m.	Break
	11.45 a.m.-1 p.m.	Palestine (continued)
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	3 p.m.-4 p.m.	Palestine (end)
	4 p.m.-4.15 p.m.	Break
	4.15 p.m.-5 p.m.	Egypt
	5 p.m.-5.30 p.m.	Malaysia

Tuesday 29 April 2025	10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	South Africa
	10.30 a.m.-11 a.m.	Algeria
	11 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	Saudi Arabia
	<i>11.30 a.m.-11.45 a.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>
	11.45 a.m.-12.15 p.m.	Belgium
	12.15 p.m.-12.45 p.m.	Colombia
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	3 p.m.-3.30 p.m.	Bolivia
	3.30 p.m.-4 p.m.	Brazil
	<i>4 p.m.-4.15 p.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>
4.15 p.m.-4.45 p.m.	Chile	
4.45 p.m.-5.15 p.m.	Spain	
Wednesday 30 April 2025	10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	United States of America
	10.30 a.m.-11 a.m.	Russian Federation
	<i>11 a.m.-11.15 a.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>
	11.15 a.m.-11.45 a.m.	France
	11.45 a.m.-12.15 p.m.	Hungary
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	3 p.m.-3.30 p.m.	Türkiye
	3.30 p.m.-4 p.m.	Iran
	4 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	Jordan
	<i>4.30 p.m.-4.45 p.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>
4.45 p.m.-5.15 p.m.	Kuwait	
5.15 p.m.-5.45 p.m.	Luxembourg	
Thursday 1 May 2025	10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	Maldives
	10.30 a.m.-11 a.m.	Mauritius
	11 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	Mexico
	<i>11.30 a.m.-11.45 a.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>
	11.45 a.m.-12.15 p.m.	Namibia
	12.15 p.m.-12.45 p.m.	Norway
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	3 p.m.-3.30 p.m.	Pakistan
	3.30 p.m.-4 p.m.	Panama
	4 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	Poland
<i>4.30 p.m.-4.45 p.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>	
4.45 p.m.-5.15 p.m.	Qatar	
5.15 p.m.-5.45 p.m.	United Kingdom	
5.45 p.m.-6.15 p.m.	Indonesia	

Friday 2 May 2025	10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	China
	10.30 a.m.-11 a.m.	Senegal
	11 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	Slovenia
	<i>11.30 a.m.-11.45 a.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>
	11.45 a.m.-12.15 p.m.	Sudan
	12.15 p.m.-12.45 p.m.	Switzerland
	12.45 p.m.-1.15 p.m.	Comoros ***
	3 p.m.-3.30 p.m.	Tunisia
	3.30 p.m.-4 p.m.	Vanuatu
	4 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	League of Arab States
	<i>4.30 p.m.-4.45 p.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>
	4.45 p.m.-5.15 p.m.	Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
	5.15 p.m.-5.45 p.m.	African Union

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Members of the diplomatic corps of non-participating States, members of the public and media representatives will find below practical information regarding the organization of the hearings.

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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 of non-participating States**

Owing to the large number of States and international organizations participating in these public hearings, only a limited number of seats will be available in the Great Hall of Justice for members of the diplomatic corps of non-participating States. No additional viewing rooms will be available.

Diplomats from non-participating States who wish to attend the hearings are kindly requested to fill out an [online registration form](#) by midnight (The Hague time) on Tuesday 22 April 2025. The Information Department will confirm receipt of the registration request by email. However, this does not guarantee a seat in the Great Hall of Justice. Seats will be allocated for each session (i.e. morning or afternoon) on a first-come, first-served basis. On presenting a confirmation of registration from the Information Department and a valid diplomatic ID at the main gate of the Peace Palace on each hearing day, diplomats will be given a badge providing access to the Great Hall of Justice, until all available seats have been allocated. Registered diplomats are therefore advised to arrive at the Palace in good time in order to secure a place in the courtroom.

### **2. Members of the public**

Fifteen seats in the public gallery of the Great Hall of Justice will be reserved at each session (i.e. morning or afternoon) 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 at least 40 minutes before the start of the session they wish to attend. 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 hearings are kindly asked to [request accreditation online](#) by midnight (The Hague time) on Tuesday 22 April 2025. Requests will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. **The accreditation process may be closed early if capacity is reached before the deadline. No requests received by phone or email will be accepted. Requests submitted after the 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 each hearing session (morning or afternoon).

### 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 each hearing session. They will be accompanied by members of the Information Department.

### 3. Press room

The hearings 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 each session and will close one hour after it concludes.

### 4. Multimedia

The hearings 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 hearings 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 its X feed (@CIJ\_ICJ).

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## **Procedure of the Court and history of the proceedings**

The Registry has published an [explanatory note](#) on the Court's website concerning the procedure followed by the ICJ with regard to requests for advisory opinions.

On 19 December 2024, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted resolution A/RES/79/232 in which, referring to Article 65 of the Statute of the Court, it requested the International Court of Justice to give an advisory opinion. The relevant part of the resolution reads as follows:

*“The General Assembly,*

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10. *Decides*, in accordance with Article 96 of the Charter of the United Nations, to request the International Court of Justice, pursuant to Article 65 of the Statute of the Court, on a priority basis and with the utmost urgency, to render an advisory opinion on the following question, considering the rules and principles of international law, as regards in particular the Charter of the United Nations, international humanitarian law, international human rights law, privileges and immunities applicable under international law for international organizations and States, relevant resolutions of the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council, the advisory opinion of the Court of 9 July 2004, and the advisory opinion of the Court of 19 July 2024, in which the Court reaffirmed the duty of an occupying Power to administer occupied territory for the benefit of the local population and affirmed that Israel is not entitled to sovereignty over or to exercise sovereign powers in any part of the Occupied Palestinian Territory on account of its occupation:

What are the obligations of Israel, as an occupying Power and as a member of the United Nations, in relation to the presence and activities of the United Nations, including its agencies and bodies, other international organizations and third States, in and in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including to ensure and facilitate the unhindered provision of urgently needed supplies essential to the survival of the Palestinian civilian population as well as of basic services and humanitarian and development assistance, for the benefit of the Palestinian civilian population, and in support of the Palestinian people’s right to self-determination?”

The request for an advisory opinion was transmitted to the Court by the Secretary-General of the United Nations by a letter dated 20 December 2024.

By an [Order dated 23 December 2024](#), the President of the Court decided that the United Nations and its Member States, as well as the observer State of Palestine, were likely to be able to furnish information on the question submitted to the Court for an advisory opinion. The Court subsequently authorized, at their request, the participation in the proceedings of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, the League of Arab States and the African Union.

Forty-five written statements were filed in the Registry by States and international organizations. Pursuant to Article 106 of the Rules of Court, the Court may decide to make the written statements and annexed documents accessible to the public on or after the opening of the oral proceedings in the case.

Earlier [press releases](#) relating to these proceedings are available on the website.

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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 agencies of the system.

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