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Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf to resign as Member of the Court with effect from 30 September 2025

THE HAGUE, 11 June 2025. Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf will resign as a Member of the Court with effect from 30 September 2025. His term of office would have expired on 5 February 2027.

In accordance with Article 14 of the [Statute of the Court](#), it will be for the Security Council to fix the date for the election of his successor by the General Assembly and the Security Council. In accordance with Article 15 of the Statute of the Court, the Member of the Court elected will complete Judge Yusuf's term.

Judge Yusuf has been a Member of the Court since 6 February 2009, having been re-elected as from 6 February 2018. He served as Vice-President from 6 February 2015 to 5 February 2018 and as President from 6 February 2018 to 8 February 2021. Judge Yusuf's [full biography](#) is available on the Court's website.

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