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Obligations of States in respect of climate change

(Request for Advisory Opinion)

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THE HAGUE, 25 April 2023. Following the request by the General Assembly of the United Nations for the International Court of Justice to render an advisory opinion on the obligations of States in respect of climate change, the President of the Court has made an Order organizing the proceedings.

In her Order dated 20 April 2023, the President decides that “the United Nations and its Member States are considered likely to be able to furnish information on the questions submitted to the Court for an advisory opinion”. In accordance with Article 66, paragraph 2, of its Statute, the President fixes 20 October 2023 as the time-limit within which written statements on the questions may be presented to the Court, and 22 January 2024 as the time-limit within which States and organizations having presented written statements may submit written comments on the written statements made by other States or organizations, in accordance with Article 66, paragraph 4, of the Statute.

The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.

History of the proceedings

An earlier [press release](#) relating to this case is available on the Court’s website.

The full text of the Order is available on the [Court's website](#).

Written statements and written comments on those statements are confidential at this stage in the proceedings.

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