



# INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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## Press Release

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### **The Judges of the International Court of Justice elect the members of the Chamber of Summary Procedure, the Budgetary and Administrative Committee, the Rules Committee and the Library Committee of the Court**

THE HAGUE, 6 February 2018. Today the Judges of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) elected the members of the Chamber of Summary Procedure, the Budgetary and Administrative Committee, the Rules Committee and the Library Committee of the Court.

#### **Chamber of Summary Procedure**

Article 29 of the Court's Statute provides that, with a view to the speedy dispatch of business, the Court shall form annually a Chamber composed of five judges which, at the request of the parties, may hear and determine cases by summary procedure. The Court also selects two judges for this Chamber for the purpose of replacing judges who find it impossible to sit.

Under the Rules of Court, the President and Vice-President are members of this Chamber ex officio, the other members and the substitutes being elected.

The composition of the Chamber of Summary Procedure is now the following:

Members:	President	Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf
	Vice-President	Xue Hanqin
	Judges	Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade
		Julia Sebutinde
		Kirill Gevorgian
Substitute members:	Judges	Joan E. Donoghue
		James Richard Crawford

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\* Reissued for technical reasons.

**Committees of the Court**

The following committees of the Court are now composed as below:

— Budgetary and Administrative Committee:

President	Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf
Vice-President	Xue Hanqin
Judges	Peter Tomka Ronny Abraham Giorgio Gaja Julia Sebutinde Dalveer Bhandari

— Rules Committee:

Members:	Judges	Peter Tomka Joan E. Donoghue Giorgio Gaja Dalveer Bhandari Patrick Lipton Robinson James Richard Crawford Kirill Gevorgian
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— Library Committee:

Members:	Judges	Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade Giorgio Gaja Dalveer Bhandari Nawaf Salam
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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 seat of the Court is at the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands). Of the six principal organs of the United Nations, it is the only one not located in New York. The Court has a twofold role: first, to settle, in accordance with international law, legal disputes submitted to it by States (its judgments have binding force and are without appeal for the parties concerned); and, second, to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and agencies of the system. 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. Independent of the United Nations Secretariat, it is assisted by a Registry, its own international secretariat, whose activities are both judicial and diplomatic, as well as administrative. The official languages of the Court are French and English. Also known as the “World Court”, it is the only court of a universal character with general jurisdiction.

The ICJ, a court open only to States for contentious proceedings, and to certain organs and institutions of the United Nations system for advisory proceedings, should not be confused with the other — mostly criminal — judicial institutions based in The Hague and adjacent areas, such as the International Criminal Court (ICC, the only permanent international criminal court, which was established by treaty and does not belong to the United Nations system), the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL, an international judicial body with an independent legal personality, established by the United Nations Security Council upon the request of the Lebanese Government and composed of Lebanese and international judges), the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT, mandated to take over residual functions from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and from the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda), the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office (an ad hoc judicial institution which has its seat in The Hague), or the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA, an independent institution which assists in the establishment of arbitral tribunals and facilitates their work, in accordance with the Hague Convention of 1899).

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