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Request for Interpretation of the Judgment of 31 March 2004 in the Case concerning Avena and Other Mexican Nationals (Mexico v. United States of America) (Mexico v. United States of America)

The case is now under deliberation

THE HAGUE, 8 October 2008. The case concerning the Request for Interpretation of the Judgment of 31 March 2004 in the Case concerning Avena and Other Mexican Nationals (Mexico v. United States of America) (Mexico v. United States of America) before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, is now under deliberation.

At the beginning of September, the Court authorized the Parties, pursuant to Article 98, paragraph 4, of the Rules of Court, to furnish it with further written explanations on Mexico's Request for interpretation. It fixed 17 September and 6 October 2008 as the time-limits for the filing of those further written explanations by Mexico and the United States respectively. The explanations were filed within the time-limits thus fixed.

Following its previous practice, the Court did not consider that there was any reason to hold hearings in the case.

The Judgment of the Court on the Request for interpretation filed by Mexico will be delivered at a public sitting, the date of which will be announced in due course.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Releases Nos. 2008/15 of 5 June 2008, 2008/20 of 16 July 2008 and 2008/27 of 4 September 2008, available on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org).

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