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Alleged Violations of Sovereign Rights and Maritime Spaces in the Caribbean Sea (Nicaragua v. Colombia)

Public hearings on the merits of the case to open on Monday 20 September 2021

THE HAGUE, 29 July 2021. The International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will hold public hearings in the case concerning *Alleged Violations of Sovereign Rights and Maritime Spaces in the Caribbean Sea (Nicaragua v. Colombia)*, commencing on Monday 20 September 2021, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court.

In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the hearings will be held in hybrid format. Some Members of the Court will attend the oral proceedings in person in the Great Hall of Justice, while others will participate remotely by video link. Representatives of the Parties to the case will participate either in person or by video link.

[Guidelines](#) for the Parties on the organization of hearings by video link can be found on the Court's website.

Members of the diplomatic corps, the media and the public will be able to follow the hearings through a live webcast on the Court's website, as well as on UN Web TV, the United Nations online television channel.

The full schedule of the hearings will be announced in due course.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in [press releases](#) Nos. 2013/36, 2016/8, 2017/35 and 2018/59, available on the Court's website.

Multimedia

The hearings will be streamed [live](#) and on demand (VOD) in English and French on the Court's website, as well as on [UN Web TV](#).

Still photographs of the hearings will be published on the Court's website and Twitter feed (@CIJ_ICJ) during the first week of the hearings. Selected high-resolution video footage (b-roll) of the hearings will be available for TV use on the Court's website.

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