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Arbitral Award of 3 October 1899 (Guyana v. Venezuela)

Public hearings by videoconference

THE HAGUE, 29 May 2020. Public hearings on the question of the Court's jurisdiction in the case concerning the *Arbitral Award of 3 October 1899 (Guyana v. Venezuela)* will open on Tuesday 30 June 2020 at 2 p.m. at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court.

In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the hearings will take place in the Great Hall of Justice using videoconference technology and with the physical presence of some of Members of the Court. Members of the media and the public will be able to follow the oral proceedings on internet through a live webstream.

The programme of the hearings will be announced at a later stage.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in paragraphs 207-215 of the Annual Report of the Court for 2018-2019 and in Press Releases Nos. 2020/5 and 2020/8, which are available on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org).

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