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

Schedule for the public hearing to be held on Tuesday 30 June 2020

THE HAGUE, 26 June 2020. The public hearing 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.

The delegation of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana will present its oral arguments from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has informed the Court that it will not participate in the oral proceedings.

In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the hearing will take place in the Great Hall of Justice via videoconference. Some Members of the Court will be physically present, the others will participate remotely, and the representatives of Guyana will address the Court by video link. Members of the media and the public will be able to follow the oral proceedings through a live webcast.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in paragraphs 207-215 of the Court's Annual Report for 2018-2019 and in press releases Nos. 2020/5, 2020/8 and 2020/15, which are available on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org).

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