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## Press Release

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**Adoption of a new Article 11 of the Resolution concerning the Internal Judicial Practice of the Court, on procedures for monitoring the implementation of provisional measures indicated by the Court**

THE HAGUE, 21 December 2020. As part of the ongoing review of its procedures and working methods, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, has adopted a new Article 11 of the Resolution concerning the Internal Judicial Practice of the Court. The article provides for the establishment of an *ad hoc* committee, composed of three judges, which will assist the Court in monitoring the implementation of the provisional measures that it indicates. The committee will examine the information supplied by the parties in this regard, report periodically to the Court, and recommend potential options for it. Any decision, if required, will be taken by the Court.

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The text of the new Article 11 is annexed to this press release.

The full text of the Resolution concerning the Internal Judicial Practice of the Court is available on the Court's website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)), under the heading "Basic Documents".

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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 Court is composed of 15 judges elected for a nine-year term by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. The seat of the Court is at the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands). The Court has a twofold role: first, to settle, in accordance with international law, through judgments which have binding force and are without appeal for the parties concerned, legal disputes submitted to it by States; and, second, to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and agencies of the system.

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**New Article 11 of the Resolution concerning the  
Internal Judicial Practice of the Court**

- (i) Where the Court indicates provisional measures, it shall elect three judges to form an *ad hoc* committee which will assist the Court in monitoring the implementation of provisional measures. This committee shall include neither a Member of the Court of the nationality of one of the parties nor any judges *ad hoc*.
  - (ii) The *ad hoc* committee shall examine the information supplied by the parties in relation to the implementation of provisional measures. It shall report periodically to the Court, recommending potential options for the Court.
  - (iii) Any decision in this respect shall be taken by the Court.
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