



INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Peace Palace, Carnegieplein 2, 2517 KJ The Hague, Netherlands

Tel.: +31 (0)70 302 2323 Fax: +31 (0)70 364 9928

[Website](#) [X](#) [YouTube](#) [LinkedIn](#)

Press Release

Unofficial

No. 2023/71

27 November 2023

Right to Strike under ILO Convention No. 87

(Request for Advisory Opinion)

The Court makes an Order organizing the proceedings; it fixes the time-limits for the presentation of written statements and for written comments on those statements

THE HAGUE, 27 November 2023. Following the request by the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization (ILO) for the International Court of Justice to render an advisory opinion on the right to strike under ILO Convention No. 87, the Court has made an Order organizing the proceedings. In its [Order dated 16 November 2023](#), the Court decides that “the International Labour Organization and the States parties to the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention (No. 87) are considered likely to be able to furnish information on the question submitted to the Court for an advisory opinion”, and that they may therefore submit written contributions to the Court.

The Court further decides that six organizations that have been granted general consultative status at the International Labour Organization by the Governing Body are also likely to be able to furnish information on the question submitted to it for an advisory opinion, and it invites those organizations to make written contributions to the Court. The six organizations in question are the International Organisation of Employers, the International Trade Union Confederation, the World Federation of Trade Unions, the International Cooperative Alliance, the Organization of African Trade Union Unity and Business Africa.

In accordance with Article 66, paragraph 2, of its Statute, the Court fixes 16 May 2024 as the time-limit within which written statements on the question may be presented to the Court, and 16 September 2024 as the time-limit within which States and organizations having presented written statements may submit written comments on the written statements made by other States or organizations, in accordance with Article 66, paragraph 4, of the Statute.

The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in press release No. [2023/64](#), available on the Court's website.

Written statements and written comments on those statements are confidential at this stage in the proceedings.

Note: The Court's press releases are prepared by its Registry for information purposes only and do not constitute official documents.

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, 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.

Information Department:

Ms Monique Legerman, First Secretary of the Court, Head of Department: +31 (0)70 302 2336

Ms Joanne Moore, Information Officer: +31 (0)70 302 2337

Mr Avo Sevag Garabet, Associate Information Officer: +31 (0)70 302 2394

Email: info@icj-cij.org