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# Press Release

**REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION OF  
SMALL ISLAND STATES ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW  
(REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION SUBMITTED TO THE TRIBUNAL)**

**HEARING TO OPEN ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2023**

By Order of 30 June 2023, Judge Albert Hoffmann, President of the Tribunal, fixed 11 September 2023 as the date for the opening of the hearing in Case No. 31 (*Request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law*).

Oral statements may be made at the hearing by the States Parties to the Convention, the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law and the other intergovernmental organizations listed in the annex to the Order of the President of the Tribunal of 16 December 2022, as well as the African Union, the International Seabed Authority and the Pacific Community. Those wishing to make oral statements are invited to indicate their intention to do so to the Registrar of the Tribunal not later than 4 August 2023.

The schedule of the hearing and information regarding the registration procedure for members of the public wishing to attend will be made available in due course.

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