

STATUS OF CASES OF WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE HAS BEEN SEISED
INVOLVING QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE LAW OF THE SEA

(Contribution covering the period from June 2020 to June 2021)

1. *Question of the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between Nicaragua and Colombia beyond 200 Nautical Miles from the Nicaraguan Coast (Nicaragua v. Colombia)*

These proceedings were instituted by Nicaragua against Colombia on 16 September 2013

In its Counter-Memorial, Colombia submitted four counter-claims. By an Order dated 15 November 2017, the Court found two of the counter-claims admissible – one concerning infringement of the customary artisanal fishing rights of the local inhabitants of the San Andrés Archipelago to access and exploit their traditional fishing grounds, and the other No. 33-2013 of 19 August 2013, which, according to

waters and maritime zones beyond what international law permits. By the same Order, the Court directed Nicaragua to submit a Reply and Colombia to submit a Rejoinder relating to the claims of both Parties in the proceedings, and fixed 15 May 2018 and 15 November 2018 as the respective time-limits for the filing of those pleadings. The Reply and the Rejoinder were filed within the time-limits thus fixed.

By an Order of 4 December 2018, the Court authorized the submission by Nicaragua of an additional pleading relating solely to the counter-claims submitted by Colombia and fixed 4 March 2019 as the time-limit for the filing of that –claims was filed within the time-limit thus fixed. The case is now ready for hearing, and the Court will hold public hearings in due course.

3. Maritime Delimitation in the Indian Ocean (Somalia v. Kenya)

These proceedings were instituted by Somalia against Kenya on 28 August 2014 with regard By an Order of 16 October 2014, the President of the Court fixed 13 July 2015 and 27 May 2016 as the respective time-limits for the filing of a Memorial by Somalia and a Counter-Memorial by Kenya. Somalia filed its Memorial within the time-limit thus fixed.

On 7 October 2015, Kenya raised certain preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court and to the admissibility of the Application. In its Judgment of 2 February 2017 on the preliminary objections, the Court declared that it had jurisdiction to entertain the Application filed by Somalia on 28 August 2014 and that the Application was admissible. By an Order dated 2 February 2017, the Court fixed 18 December 2017 as the time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of Kenya. The Counter-Memorial was filed within the time-limit thus fixed.

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would not participate in the hearings. The hearings took place from 15 to 18 March 2021, without the participation of any representatives of Kenya.

The Judgment of the Court will follow in due course.

4. *Guatemala's Territorial, Insular and Maritime Claim (Guatemala/Belize)*

The Court was seised of this case on 7 June 2019, following notification to the Registry, by maritime claim to the December 2008, and a Protocol thereto dated 25 May 2015.

By an Order of 18 June 2019, the Court fixed 8 June 2020 and 8 June 2021 as the respective time-