

Explanatory Note

The ICJ Advisory Opinion was requested by the UN General Assembly (Res. 77/276) and the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion was delivered on July 23, 2025. Responding to the Advisory Opinion is urgent, and none of the States or other parties before the court such as IUCN, knew when the Advisory Opinion would be given, or what rulings it would present. [Read ICJ Press Release](#)

This circumstance is exactly what Rule 52 was intended to address. The background and historic importance of the Advisory Opinion is set forth in the article by former WCEL Chair, Prof. Nicholas A. Robinson, Sage Publishing and *Environmental Policy and Law* “Legal Imperatives to Survive the Climate Crisis: Forethoughts on the ICJ Advisory Opinion,” *Environmental Policy and Law*, Special Issue 55 (6) (October 2025), published by Sage Publishing (Open Access, no fee). [Read the article](#).

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