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

Conclusion of the public hearings held from Monday 15 to Thursday 18 March 2021

The Court to begin its deliberation

THE HAGUE, 18 March 2021. Public hearings in the case concerning *Maritime Delimitation in the Indian Ocean (Somalia v. Kenya)* concluded today at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court. The Court will now begin its deliberation.

Oral arguments were presented by the Federal Republic of Somalia on 15 and 16 March 2021. The Republic of Kenya did not participate in the hearings.

The delegation of Somalia was led by H.E. Mr. Mahdi Mohammed Gulaid, Deputy Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia, as Agent.

At the public sitting held today, the Assistant Deputy Agent, Senior Advisor to the President of Somalia, Mr. Mohamed Omar Ibrahim, made the following submissions to the Court on behalf of Somalia:

“On the basis of its Memorial of 7 July 2015, its Reply of 18 June 2018, and its oral pleadings, Somalia respectfully requests the Court:

1. To reject Submissions 1 and 2 of Kenya’s Rejoinder of 18 December 2018.
2. To determine the complete course of the maritime boundary between Somalia and Kenya in the Indian Ocean, including in the continental shelf beyond 200 M, on the basis of international law.
3. To determine the maritime boundary between Somalia and Kenya in the Indian Ocean on the basis of the following geographical coordinates (all points referenced are referred to WGS-84):

Point No.	Latitude	Longitude
1 (LBT)	1° 39' 44.07" S	41° 33' 34.57" E
2	1° 40' 05.92" S	41° 34' 05.26" E
3	1° 41' 11.45" S	41° 34' 06.12" E
4	1° 43' 09.34" S	41° 36' 33.52" E
5	1° 43' 53.72" S	41° 37' 48.21" E
6	1° 44' 09.28" S	41° 38' 13.26" E
7 (intersection with 12 M limit)	1° 47' 54.60" S	41° 43' 36.04" E
8	2° 19' 01.09" S	42° 28' 10.27" E
9	2° 30' 56.65" S	42° 46' 18.90" E
10 (intersection with 200 M limit)	3° 34' 57.05" S	44° 18' 49.83" E
11 (intersection with 350 M limit)	5° 00' 25.71" S	46° 22' 33.36" E

4. To adjudge and declare that Kenya, by its conduct in the disputed area, has violated its international obligations and is responsible under international law to make full reparation to Somalia, including inter alia by making available to Somalia all seismic, geologic, bathymetric and other technical data acquired in areas that are determined by the Court to be subject to the sovereignty and/or sovereign rights and jurisdiction of Somalia.”

The Court’s decision will be delivered at a public sitting, the date of which will be announced in due course.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in [press releases](#) Nos. 2014/27, 2017/5, 2020/13, 2021/9, 2021/11 and 2021/12, available on the Court’s website.

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