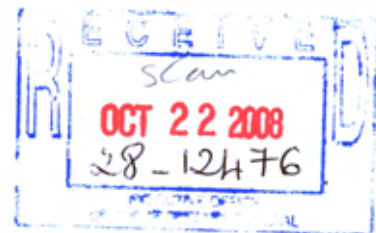


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Note to the Secretary-General

Through Mr. Nambiar

ICJ Advisory Opinion concerning the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo: ~

Timeline for UN submissions ✓

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1. This is to inform you that on 17 October 2008 the ICJ made a decision regarding the timeline for submissions of written statements in connection with the request by the General Assembly for an advisory opinion on ~~whether the unilateral declaration of independence by the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government of Kosovo is in accordance with international law (GA resolution 63/3).~~ The Court has decided that only ~~written procedures would be followed in the case.~~ The Court has established **17 April 2009** as the deadline for written statements, and **17 July 2009** as the deadline for written replies to the written statements.

2. The Registrar of the Court has informed ~~us~~ that the Court would request all Member States ~~and~~ the United Nations to provide written statements, if they so wish.

3. In addition, according to the Registrar, the Court will invite "the authors of the declaration to present their written contributions". *and*

4. Pursuant to Article 65(2) of the Statute of the Court, this Office has started compiling a Dossier, containing all documents likely to throw light upon the question. We intend to complete the Dossier and to transmit it to the Court by the end of the year. DPKO and DPA will be consulted on the content of the Dossier.

5. We will keep you informed of further developments.

ICJ has sent a

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22 October 2008

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Mr. Le Roy
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