

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE
GUYANA v. VENEZUELA
HEARING ON JURISDICTION

Guyana's Submissions

Sir Shridath Ramphal, S.C, as Co-Agent

30 June 2020

Mr President, eminent Judges of the Court, I will now close Guyana's oral pleadings by reading its final submissions:

1. Guyana respectfully requests the Court:

1. To find that it has jurisdiction to hear the claims presented by Guyana, and that these claims are admissible; and
2. To proceed to the merits of the case.

2. Mr. President, it remains only for me, on behalf of Guyana, to thank you for your patient hearing of our submissions in the novel conditions of our virtual Hearing – and I end where I began: by repeating Guyana's gratitude to the Court for your dauntless embrace of new technologies to render justice under law.

3. I take this opportunity to thank as well, the Registrar and his entire staff, the outstanding interpreters, and especially the technical personnel who quite literally made this hearing possible.

4. Mr. President, history will commend the International Court of Justice of 2020 for your resolution in discharge of your high functions as 'the principal judicial organ of the United Nations'. It is an honour to be associated with this historic Hearing.