

ICJ's Press Release over Cambodia's Request for Interpretation of 1962 Judgment

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Cambodia files an application requesting interpretation of the Judgment rendered in the Case of 12 June 1978 in the case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear

(Cambodia v. Thailand) and also asks for the same indication

THE HAGUE, 2 May 2011. On 28 April, the Kingdom of Cambodia filed an Application requesting interpretation of the Judgment rendered on 12 June 1962 by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear (Cambodia v. Thailand). The filing of such an application gives rise to the opening of a new phase. Together with the Application, Cambodia submitted an urgent request for the indication of provisional measures. The latter opens incidental proceedings within the new case.

Reasons for interpretation

In support of its Request for interpretation, Cambodia invokes Article 66 of the Statute of the Court, which provides: "In the event of dispute as to the meaning or scope of the Judgment, the Court shall entertain a request for its interpretation." It also invokes Article 58 of the Rules of Court.

In its Application, Cambodia indicates the "points in dispute as to the meaning or scope of the Judgment" as requested by Article 66 of the Rules of Court. "Within a particular line":

- "(1) according to Cambodia, the Judgment [rendered] by the Court in 1962 is based on the prior existence of an international boundary established and recognized by both States;
- (2) according to Cambodia, that boundary is defined by the map to which the Court (para. 21 of the Judgment) ... is referring which enables the Court to find that Cambodia's sovereignty over the temple is based on the existence ... of a boundary established over the territory in which the Temple is situated ...;
- (3) according to the Kingdom of Thailand, in order to determine its boundary and territory or other grounds from the vicinity of the Temple on Cambodian territory, Cambodia believes that this is a general and continuing obligation deriving from the statements concerning Cambodia's territorial sovereignty recognized by the Court in this regard."

Cambodia asserts that "Thailand disagrees with all of these points."