

A large, ornate building with a tall, spired tower and a red brick facade, identified as the International Court of Justice in The Hague. The sky is overcast.

# Note

## For the nomination of the International Court of Justice For the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize

Each year, the Nobel Peace Prize honors "the person [or community] who shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies, and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses."

Deeply convinced that the International Court of Justice richly deserves this prize for its past and recent actions – and concerned that such an award could instead go to belligerent figures—a global collective of academics and parliamentarians is launching an international initiative to nominate the Court for the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize.

To succeed, the nomination must be supported individually by as many figures from the academic and political worlds as possible (see details below).

Join the signatories to collectively uphold the message, rooted in the 1945 United Nations Charter: permanent international justice, a monumental 20th-century innovation, is and will remain a fundamental tool for maintaining international peace.

# Why the International Court of Justice?

Since 1945, and building on the legacy of its predecessor, the Permanent Court of International Justice, the International Court of Justice has embodied the hope of a world where conflicts are resolved through law, not force. Throughout its history, the Court has demonstrated, through landmark rulings and advisory opinions with far-reaching consequences, that international justice is a cornerstone of lasting peace.

Since 1945, thanks to the foundation laid by the PCIJ, the Court has helped prevent armed conflicts or their escalation across continents. It has ruled on the accountability of states whose violations of international law would, a century ago, have gone unpunished - often fueling distrust and future conflicts. It has affirmed that all states are equal before international justice. It has upheld and applied fundamental principles of humanity in times of both peace and war, and established non-negotiable rules of international law, such as the prohibition of genocide and torture.

While lacking an international armed force to halt ongoing conflicts, the Court has taken clear stands against the continuation of contemporary conflicts (Gaza, Ukraine) and has championed the primacy of peace. In 2025, the Court further distinguished itself with its historic advisory opinion on states' climate obligations, recognizing the conflict potential of this issue in the years ahead.

## Origins of the initiative

The initiative is led by a collective of academics coordinated by Alain Pellet, Emeritus Professor at Université Paris Nanterre, former member and Chairperson of the International Law Commission, former President of the Institut de Droit International and the French Society for International Law.

# Who can sign ?

The list of individuals eligible to submit a nomination is broad:

- Members of national assemblies and national governments (cabinet members/ministers) of sovereign states as well as current heads of state
- Members of The International Court of Justice in The Hague and The Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague
- Members of the Institut de Droit International
- Members of the International Board of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
- University professors, professors emeriti and associate professors of history, social sciences, law, philosophy, theology, and religion; university rectors and university directors (or their equivalents); directors of peace research institutes and foreign policy institutes
- Persons who have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize
- Members of the main board of directors or its equivalent of organizations that have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Unless otherwise stated the term 'members' shall be understood as current (sitting) members.

# What is the procedure ?

- A nomination draft is currently being prepared. All qualified individuals who have agreed to support the initiative will soon be invited to sign and submit it, either individually or collectively, to the Nobel Committee ([www.nobelpeaceprize.org/nobel-peace-prize/nomination/](http://www.nobelpeaceprize.org/nobel-peace-prize/nomination/)).
- The campaign is open until January 30, 2026.
- To join the initiative, please send an email to Emma Cazeaux (emmacazeaux@gmail.com) copying in the following addresses: courriel@alainpellet.eu & contact@raphaelmaurel.com