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Belize Files Rejoinder at the ICJ (Guatemala/Belize Case)

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Today, Belize delivered its Rejoinder in the case of Guatemala's Territorial, Insular and Maritime Claim (Guatemala/Belize) to the Registrar of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague. This ends the stage of written submissions.

The case was submitted to the ICJ as a result of the people's decision in the 2019 referendum, after which a bipartisan commission was formed to guide the process.

After four years of intense work by Belize's international legal team and members of the Office of the Agent (Belize), Belizeans can be assured that a very strong case has been put forward in defence of Belize's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The Court must hereafter set a date for the oral hearings.

The Rejoinder was delivered by Belize's Agents, Ambassadors Assad Shoman and Alexis Rosado, who were accompanied by Mariana Verde, Chief Operations Officer of the Office of the Agent, and Catherine Drummond, Legal Counsel.

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