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PRESS RELEASE

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

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The International Court of Justice has informed that it has decided to hear Guatemala's application for permission to intervene in the Belize versus Honduras case in oral proceedings scheduled to begin on Monday, November 24, 2025.

On November 16, 2022, Belize requested the International Court of Justice, "To adjudge and declare that, as between Belize and Honduras, Belize is sovereign over the Sapodilla Cayes."

Belize filed its Memorial in May 2023, and Honduras filed its Counter-Memorial in December 2023. The Parties agreed that no further pleadings were necessary.

However, on December 1, 2023, Guatemala applied to intervene in the Belize versus Honduras case. While Belize indicated that it had no objection, Honduras did object, thereby requiring a hearing on that preliminary matter before the substantive cases could proceed.

The Office of the Agent (OOTA) has been working closely with the legal teams engaged for both territorial cases before the Court and will be prepared to effectively represent Belize's interests at the November hearings.

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