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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM IN  
THE AGENDA OF THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to request, under rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-third regular session of the General Assembly of a supplementary item entitled: "Report of the International Court of Justice".

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, an explanatory memorandum is attached.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The President of the International Court of Justice has informed the Secretary-General that the Court, conscious of the need for closer co-operation with the other organs of the United Nations, has drawn up a report on its activities from 1 August 1967 to 31 July 1968 and wishes to submit this report to the General Assembly at its next regular session. The International Court of Justice feels that such a report, the first of its kind, would contribute to a better understanding of its functions and of its activities within the framework of the United Nations.
2. Rule 13 (b) of the Assembly's rules of procedure provides that the provisional agenda of a regular session of the General Assembly shall include inter alia the reports of the International Court of Justice. However, since the communication from the President of the Court was received after the publication of the provisional agenda, the Secretary-General has the honour to propose the inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-third session of a supplementary item entitled "Report of the International Court of Justice" in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure.
3. The report of the International Court of Justice will be communicated to Members of the General Assembly in document A/7217.

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