

**District Court of the Northern Netherlands, Leeuwarden**

Hearing of 14 January 2026

Case number C/17/190788 / HA ZA 23-172

**Statement following an interim  
judgment**

concerning

**William Henry Gates III**

residing in Medina (United States of America)

**Defendant No. 15,**

represented by: W. Heemskerk, LL.B., of The Hague

against

1. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**claimants,**

lawyer: Mr P.W.H. Stassen of Leeuwarden.

Defendant No. 15 ("Gates") states for the record as follows:

- 1 Gates has taken note of the interim judgment of 26 November 2025, in which your court offered the parties the opportunity (i) to state their wishes regarding the substantive part of the oral hearing, the date of which is yet to be determined, and (ii) to indicate any unavailability during the months of May to October 2026.
- 2 With regard to the substantive part of the oral hearing, Gates currently has no specific requests, and a speaking time of (at most) 10 minutes would suffice.
- 3 The dates on which Gates is unavailable during the months of May to October 2026 inclusive are as follows:
  - May: 12, 13, 21
  - June: 3-15, 18, 26
  - July: 8-31
  - August: 1-14, 20-24
  - September: -
  - October: 5-12

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