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Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Georgia v. Russian Federation)

Preliminary Objections

The Court to hold public hearings from Monday 13 to Friday 17 September 2010

THE HAGUE, 5 August 2010. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will hold public hearings in the case concerning Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Georgia v. Russian Federation) from Monday 13 to Friday 17 September 2010, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court.

The hearings will concern solely the preliminary objections to jurisdiction raised by the Russian Federation.

Schedule for the hearings

— First round of oral argument

Monday 13 September 2010	10 a.m.-1 p.m.:	Russian Federation
Tuesday 14 September 2010	10 a.m.-1 p.m.:	Georgia

— Second round of oral argument

Wednesday 15 September 2010	4 p.m.-6 p.m.:	Russian Federation
Friday 17 September 2010	10 a.m.-12 noon:	Georgia

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Release No. 2009/35 of 18 December 2009, available on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org).

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NOTE TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

1. The public hearings will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands. Mobile telephones and beepers are permitted in the courtroom provided they are switched off**.** Any offending device will be temporarily retained.

2. **Media representatives** are subject to an **online accreditation procedure**, details of which can be found in the Media Advisory (2010/e) attached to this Press Release. **The accreditation procedure will close at midnight on Thursday 9 September 2010**.

3. **Individual visitors** (with the exception of members of the Diplomatic Corps) **and groups** are subject to an **online admission procedure**. They are kindly requested to fill out the relevant form on the Court's website (to the right of the screen under Calendar, click on "Attending a Hearing"). **The admission procedure will close at midnight on Thursday 9 September 2010**.

4. Verbatim records of the hearings will be published daily on the Court's website, with translations to follow as soon as practicable thereafter. On the final day of the hearings, a Press Release will be issued presenting the final submissions of the Parties.

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