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## Press Release

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### Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Croatia v. Serbia)

#### Preliminary Objections

#### Court to deliver its Judgment on Tuesday 18 November 2008 at 10 a.m.

THE HAGUE, 29 October 2008. On Tuesday 18 November 2008, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will deliver its Judgment in the case concerning Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Croatia v. Serbia).

A public sitting will take place at 10 a.m. at the Peace Palace in The Hague, during which the President of the Court, Judge Rosalyn Higgins, will read the Court's Judgment.

The Judgment will concern solely the preliminary objections to jurisdiction and admissibility raised by Serbia.

#### History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Releases No. 2008/7 of 10 April 2008 and No. 2008/12 of 30 May 2008, both available on the Court's website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)).

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#### NOTE TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

1. The public sitting 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 **accreditation procedure**, the details of which can be found in the Media Advisory attached to this Press Release.

3. **Individual visitors** (with the exception of members of the Diplomatic Corps) and **groups** are subject to an admission procedure. They are kindly requested to **give advance notification of their attendance** by filling out the relevant form on the Court's website (to the right of the screen under Calendar, click on "Attending a Hearing", then under "Admission for individuals" or "Admission for groups", click on "Online Application Form"). **The admission process will close at midnight on Friday 14 November 2008.**

4. At the end of the sitting, a Press Release, a summary of the Judgment and the full text of the Judgment will be distributed. All of these documents will be made available at the same time on the Court's website.

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