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Arrest Warrant of 11 April 2000
(Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Belgium)

Programme of the public hearings which will open on Monday 15 October 2001

THE HAGUE, 10 October 2001. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will hold public hearings in the case concerning Arrest Warrant of 11 April 2000 (Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Belgium) from Monday 15 to Friday 19 October 2001 at the Peace Palace in The Hague, seat of the Court.

The programme of hearings will be as follows:

First round of oral arguments

— Democratic Republic of the Congo:

Monday 15 October 2001 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Tuesday 16 October 2001 10 a.m. (continuation)

— Belgium:

Wednesday 17 October 2001 3 p.m.-6 p.m.
Thursday 18 October 2001 10 a.m. (continuation)

Second round of oral arguments

— Democratic Republic of the Congo:

Friday 19 October 2001 9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.

— Belgium:

Friday 19 October 2001 4.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m.

The history of the proceedings in the case is given in Press Release No. 2001/17 of 29 June 2001, which announced the opening of the hearings on 15 October 2001.

NOTE TO THE PRESS

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 allowed in the courtroom **provided they are turned off or set on silent mode**. Any offending device will be temporarily retained.

2. Members of the Press will be entitled to attend on presentation of a press card. The tables reserved for them are situated on the far left of the public entrance of the Great Hall of Justice.

3. Photographs may be taken for a few minutes at the opening and at the end of the sittings. Television crews may film during the whole proceedings, but advance notice should be given to the Information Department (see paragraph 7).

4. In the Press Room, located on the ground floor of the Peace Palace (Room 5), the Court's proceedings will be relayed through a loudspeaker.

5. The verbatim records of the public sittings will be published daily on the Court's website (<http://www.icj-cij.org>).

6. Members of the Press who wish to make telephone calls may use the phone located in the Press Room for collect calls or the public telephones in the Post Office in the basement of the Peace Palace.

7. Mr. Arthur Witteveen, First Secretary of the Court (tel: +31 70 302 2336), and Mrs. Laurence Blairon, Information Officer (tel: +31 70 302 2337), are available to deal with any requests for information and for making arrangements for television coverage.
