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Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment
of the Crime of Genocide (Bosnia-Herzegovina v. Yugoslavia
(Serbia and Montenegro))

Request for the indication of provisional measures

The following information is communicated to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

Hearings on the request for the indication of provisional measures in the above case will open on Thursday 1 April 1993, at 10 a.m. The hearings will be held in public in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace, The Hague.

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As reported in Press Communiqué 93/4 of 22 March 1993, Bosnia and Herzegovina requested the Court to indicate the following measures:

1. That Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), together with its agents and surrogates in Bosnia and elsewhere, must immediately cease and desist from all acts of genocide and genocidal acts against the people and State of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including but not limited to murder; summary executions; torture; rape; mayhem; so-called "ethnic cleansing"; the wanton devastation of villages, towns, districts and cities; the siege of villages, towns, districts and cities; the starvation of the civilian population; the interruption of, interference with, or harassment of humanitarian relief supplies to the civilian population by the international community; the bombardment of civilian population centres; and the detention of civilians in concentration camps or otherwise.

2. That Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) must immediately cease and desist from providing, directly or indirectly, any type of support - including training, weapons, arms, ammunition, supplies, assistance, finances, direction or any other form of support - to any nation, group, organization, movement, militia or individual engaged in or planning to engage in military or paramilitary activities in or against the people, State and Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

3. That Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) itself must immediately cease and desist from any and all types of military or paramilitary activities by its own officials, agents, surrogates, or forces in or against the people, State and Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and from any other use or threat of force in its relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina.

4. That under the current circumstances, the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina has the right to seek and receive support from other States in order to defend itself and its people, including by means of immediately obtaining military weapons, equipment and supplies.

5. That under the current circumstances, the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina has the right to request the immediate assistance of any State to come to its defence, including by means of immediately providing weapons, military equipment and supplies, and armed forces (soldiers, sailors, airpeople, etc.).

6. That under the current circumstances, any State has the right to come to the immediate defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina - at its request - including by means of immediately providing weapons, military equipment and supplies, and armed forces (soldiers, sailors, and airpeople, etc.).

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NOTE FOR THE PRESS

1. The public sittings will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace. Members of the Press will be entitled to attend after presentation of a press identification card or an admission card, which may be obtained upon application. The tables reserved for them are situated on the far left of the public entrance to the courtroom.

2. Photographs may be taken before the opening and during the first few minutes of a sitting; also a few minutes towards the end. Filming for cinema or television purposes is however subject to special authorization.

3. 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.

4. Members of the Press may use the public telephones in the Post Office in the basement of the Palace.

5. Mr. A. Th. Witteveen, Secretary of the Court (telephone extension 233), or, in his absence, Mrs. N. C. El-Erian (telephone extension 234) will be available to deal with any requests for information by members of the Press.