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Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment
of the Crime of Genocide
(Bosnia and 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.

On 10 August 1993, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) (hereinafter called "Yugoslavia") filed in the Registry of the International Court of Justice a request for the indication of provisional measures.

In its request, Yugoslavia recalls that the Court, in its Order of 8 April 1993 stated that:

"Whereas Yugoslavia in its written observations on the request for the indication of provisional measures 'requests the Court to establish the responsibility of the authorities' of Bosnia-Herzegovina for acts of genocide against the Serb people in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and indicates its intention to submit evidence to that effect; and whereas Yugoslavia claimed at the hearings that genocide and genocidal acts are being carried out against Serbs living in Bosnia-Herzegovina; whereas Bosnia-Herzegovina for its part contends however that there is no basis in fact or in law for the indication of provisional measures against it, there being no credible evidence that its Government has committed acts of genocide against anyone ..."

While reserving all rights of objections to the jurisdiction of the Court and to the admissibility of the Application, and in accordance with Article 41 of the Statute, Article 73, paragraph 1, and Article 75, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court, Yugoslavia requests the Court to indicate the following provisional measure:

"The Government of the so-called Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina should immediately, in pursuance of its obligation under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide of 9 December 1948, take all measures within its power to prevent commission of the crime of genocide against the Serb ethnic group."