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**Application of the International Convention on the Elimination
of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
(Azerbaijan v. Armenia)**

**Conclusion of the public hearings on the request for the indication of
provisional measures submitted by the Republic of Azerbaijan**

The Court to begin its deliberation

THE HAGUE, 19 October 2021. The public hearings on the request for the indication of provisional measures submitted by the Republic of Azerbaijan in the case concerning *Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Azerbaijan v. Armenia)* were concluded today. The Court will now begin its deliberation.

During the hearings, which opened on Monday 18 October 2021 at the Peace Palace, the seat of the Court, the delegation of Azerbaijan was led by H.E. Mr. Elnur Mammadov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Azerbaijan, as Agent. The delegation of Armenia was led by H.E. Mr. Yeghishe Kirakosyan, Representative of the Republic of Armenia before the European Court of Human Rights, as Agent.

The Court's decision on the request for the indication of provisional measures will be delivered at a public sitting, the date of which will be announced in due course.

Requests of the Parties

At the end of the hearings, the Agents of the Parties made the following requests to the Court:

For the Republic of Azerbaijan:

“In accordance with Article 60(2) of the Rules of Court, on the basis of the facts and law set out in the Republic of Azerbaijan's Request for the Indication of Provisional Measures of Protection dated 23 September 2021, and for the reasons explained during these hearings, the Republic of Azerbaijan respectfully asks the Court to indicate the following provisional measures:

- (a) Armenia shall take all necessary steps to enable Azerbaijan to undertake the prompt, safe and effective demining of the landmines laid in Azerbaijan's territory by the Armenian military and/or other groups under the direction, control, or sponsorship

of Armenia, including by immediately providing comprehensive and accurate information about the location and characteristics of landmines in Azerbaijan's territory;

- (b) Armenia shall immediately cease and desist from endangering the lives of Azerbaijanis by planting or promoting or facilitating the planting of landmines in Azerbaijan's territory;
- (c) Armenia shall take all necessary steps effectively to prevent organizations operating in Armenian territory, including the VoMA organization, from engaging in the incitement of racial hatred and racially-motivated violence targeted at Azerbaijanis, and immediately shall cease and desist incitement based on the fabrication of public and private hate speech attributed to Azerbaijanis on Twitter and other social media and traditional media channels;
- (d) Armenia shall take effective measures to collect, and to prevent the destruction and ensure the preservation of, evidence related to allegations of ethnically-motivated crimes against Azerbaijanis of which it is aware, including those identified in communications from the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- (e) Armenia shall refrain from any measure that might aggravate, extend, or make more difficult the resolution of this dispute; and
- (f) Armenia shall submit a report to the Court on all measures taken to give effect to its Order indicating provisional measures within three months, as from the date of the Order, and thereafter every six months, until a final decision on the case is rendered by the Court."

For the Republic of Armenia:

"On the basis of its oral pleadings, Armenia respectfully requests the Court to reject Azerbaijan's requests for the indication of provisional measures in full."

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in [press releases](#) Nos. 2021/21 and 2021/24, available on the Court's website.

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