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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))

Preliminary objections

Progress and conclusion of public hearings

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

The public hearings held by the Court on the preliminary objections filed by Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in the above case, which opened on Monday 29 April 1996, were concluded on Friday 3 May 1996.

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During the first round of oral arguments, held between 29 April and 1 May, statements were made:

- on behalf of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), by H.E. Mr. Rodoljub Etinski and Mr. Djordje Lopičić, Agents of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro); and by Mr. Ian Brownlie, Mr. Miodrag Mitić and Mr. Eric Suy, Counsel and Advocates;
- on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina, by H.E. Mr. Muhamed Sacirbey, Agent of Bosnia and Herzegovina; Mr. Phon van den Biesen, Deputy-Agent, Counsel and Advocate; and by Mr. Thomas Franck, Mr. Alain Pellet and Ms Brigitte Stern, Counsel and Advocates.

The second round took place on 2 and 3 May 1996. The speakers were:

- on behalf of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), H.E. Mr. Rodoljub Etinski, Agent; Mr. Ian Brownlie and Mr. Eric Suy, Counsel and Advocates; and Mr. Gavro Perazić, Counsel;
- on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Mr. Muhamed Sacirbey, Agent; Mr. Phon van den Biesen, Deputy-Agent, Counsel and Advocate; and Mr. Thomas Franck, Mr. Alain Pellet and Ms Brigitte Stern, Counsel and Advocates.

The Agent of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and the Deputy-Agent of Bosnia and Herzegovina read the final submissions of their respective Governments.

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The hearings on the preliminary objections now being concluded, the Court will begin to consider its Judgment.

The date of the public sitting at which the Judgment is to be read will be announced in a press communiqué.