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**Press Release**

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

**Accreditation procedure for the public hearings  
opening on Monday 27 February 2006**

**PRESS**

THE HAGUE, 21 February 2006. The following accreditation procedure has been established for media representatives wishing to cover the public hearings in the above-mentioned case, which are to open on Monday 27 February 2006.

No special admission procedure has been established for members of the public.

There will be special rules in force for media coverage of the hearings. You are kindly asked to take note of these before applying for accreditation, so as to avoid any problems on arrival.

Representatives of the media will be asked, on picking up their accreditation badge, to sign a document in which they undertake, on behalf of the organization they represent, to respect a code of conduct established by the Court for the period scheduled for the hearing of witnesses, experts and witness-experts (from 17 to 28 March 2006). The purpose of the code of conduct is to ensure the sound administration of justice and taking of evidence, and to enable the aforementioned persons to enjoy complete independence in giving evidence. It will be communicated in advance by e-mail to media representatives applying for accreditation.

**Online accreditation**

Media representatives are asked to complete the online application for accreditation to be found on the home page of the Court's website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)).

**Applications for accreditation must reach the Court by not later than 3 p.m. on Friday 24 February 2006.**

Only application forms submitted online will be considered. No account will be taken of forms sent by fax or post. Applications will be checked individually by the Court's Information Department and will receive an e-mail response notifying accredited persons of where and how to pick up their entry badges.

**No account will be taken of incomplete forms or forms received after expiry of the time-limit.**

Photographers are requested to apply for accreditation separately, using the same type of form.

In order to avoid long queues, media representatives are asked to present themselves at the Peace Palace gates by 9 a.m. for the morning sittings, and by 2 p.m. for the afternoon sittings. They are kindly requested to carry personal ID as well as their press card. Rigorous checks will be carried out before each sitting.

**Only duly accredited individuals with valid identification will be allowed onto the Peace Palace site during the public hearings.**

#### Parking

No parking will be permitted within the Peace Palace grounds. Vehicles should be left in parking spaces (generally metered) in neighbouring streets.

Exceptions may be authorized for vehicles equipped with satellite antennae for live broadcasting, or for those with heavy equipment to unload. Requests for such authorization must be submitted in advance to the Information Department and must include a statement of reasons.

#### Press room

Journalists will have access to the Peace Palace press room, to which the hearings will be transmitted live. Headsets will be provided, enabling media representatives to follow the proceedings in English or French. The press room is equipped with an Internet connection. Press members are advised to bring their own mobile phones.

The press room will provide direct TV feeds off the Court's audiovisual system (PAL), as well as radio feeds from the Court's audio system.

#### Photographers

Accredited photographers may take still pictures for a few minutes at the start of the sitting on Monday 27 February 2006 only. They must keep to the right-hand side of the Great Hall of Justice, as they normally do.

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Thank you for reading these instructions. You may now complete your application for accreditation online. Click on **www.icj-cij.org** and then on the link "Press Accreditation".

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