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Application for Revision of the Judgment of 11 July 1996 in the Case concerning Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Yugoslavia), Preliminary Objections (Yugoslavia v. Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Conclusion of the public hearings

Court ready to begin its deliberation

THE HAGUE, 7 November 2002. The public hearings in the case concerning Application for Revision of the Judgment of 11 July 1996 in the Case concerning Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Yugoslavia), Preliminary Objections (Yugoslavia v. Bosnia and Herzegovina) were concluded today. The Court will now start its deliberation.

At the hearings, which opened on 4 November 2002, the delegation of Yugoslavia was led by Mr. Tibor Varady, as Agent; the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina was led by Mr. Sakib Softić, as Agent.

As provided in Article 61 of the Statute, these public hearings were devoted to the question of the admissibility of the Application for Revision filed by Yugoslavia. The Court's judgment on this matter will be delivered at a public sitting on a date to be announced later.

Final submissions of the Parties

At the conclusion of the oral proceedings the Parties presented the following submissions to the Court:

For Yugoslavia:

“The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia respectfully requests the Court to adjudge and declare:

- that there are newly discovered facts of such a character as to lay the 11 July 1996 Judgment open to revision under Article 61 of the Statute of the Court; and
- that the Application for Revision of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is therefore admissible.”

For Bosnia and Herzegovina:

“Bosnia and Herzegovina requests the Court to adjudge and declare that the Application for Revision of the Judgment of 11 July 1996, submitted by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on 23 April 2001, is not admissible.”

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NOTE FOR THE PRESS

The full transcripts of the hearings of 4 November to 7 November can be found on the Court’s website (www.icj-cij.org) under “Docket”. Click on the hyperlink bearing the name of the case.

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