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

The Court indicates provisional measures to protect certain rights claimed by Azerbaijan and orders both Parties to refrain from any action which might aggravate or extend the dispute

THE HAGUE, 7 December 2021. The International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, has today delivered its Order on the Request for the indication of provisional measures made by the Republic of Armenia in the case concerning *Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Azerbaijan v. Armenia)*.

In its [Order](#), which has binding effect, the Court *indicates* the following provisional measures:

(1) Unanimously,

The Republic of Armenia shall, in accordance with its obligations under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, take all necessary measures to prevent the incitement and promotion of racial hatred, including by organizations and private persons in its territory, targeted at persons of Azerbaijani national or ethnic origin;

(2) Unanimously,

Both Parties shall refrain from any action which might aggravate or extend the dispute before the Court or make it more difficult to resolve.

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Judge IWASAWA appends a declaration to the Order of the Court.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in [press releases](#) Nos. 2021/21 and 2021/28, available on the Court's website.

A summary of the Order appears in the document entitled "Summary 2021/5", to which a summary of the declaration is annexed. This summary and the full text of the Order are available on the Court's website under the heading [Cases](#).

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