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## Press Release

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### ***Allegations of Genocide under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Ukraine v. Russian Federation)***

### **Urgent Communication to the Russian Federation from the President under Article 74, paragraph 4, of the Rules of Court**

THE HAGUE, 1 March 2022. Judge Joan E. Donoghue, President of the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, addressed today an urgent communication to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, with a copy to the Government of Ukraine, in the case concerning *Allegations of Genocide under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Ukraine v. Russian Federation)*.

The text of this communication is reproduced below:

“I have the honour to refer to the Request for the indication of provisional measures filed in the proceedings instituted by Ukraine against the Russian Federation on 26 February 2022.

Acting in conformity with Article 74, paragraph 4, of the Rules of Court, I hereby call the attention of the Russian Federation to the need to act in such a way as will enable any order the Court may make on the request for provisional measures to have its appropriate effects.”

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### **History of the proceedings**

The history of the proceedings can be found in [press releases](#) Nos. 2022/4 and 2022/6, available on the Court’s website.

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