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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))

Requests for the indication of provisional measures

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 in the above case on the second request for the indication of provisional measures made by Bosnia and Herzegovina and a similar request by Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), which opened on Wednesday 25 August 1993, were concluded on Thursday 26 August 1993.

At the opening of these hearings, Judges ad hoc Elihu Lauterpacht, chosen by Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Milenko Kreca, chosen by Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), made the solemn declaration required by the Statute and Rules of Court.

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During the first round of oral arguments, held on 25 and 26 August, statements were made:

- on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina, by H.E. Mr. Muhamed Sacirbey and by Professor Francis A. Boyle, Agents of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- on behalf of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), by Mr. Rodoljub Etinski and by Mr. Djordje Lopacic, Agents of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), and by Professor Shabtai Rosenne and Mr. Miodrag Mitic, Counsel and Advocates.

Judge Ajibola and judge ad hoc Lauterpacht put questions to the Agents of both Parties.

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The second round took place on 26 August. The speakers were:

- on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Mr. Muhamed Sacirbey and Professor Francis A. Boyle, Agents of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- on behalf of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), Mr. Rodoljub Etinski, Agent of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

Judge Schwebel put questions to the Agent of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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The hearings now being completed, the Court will begin to consider its decision.

The date of the public sitting at which the Order on the requests for the indication of provisional measures is to be read will be announced in a Press Communiqué.