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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))

Hearings on preliminary objections to open on 29 April 1996

The following information is communicated to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

As announced in Press Communiqué No. 96/3 of 6 February 1996, public sittings to hear the oral arguments of the Parties in the case concerning *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro))* will open at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 29 April 1996, in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace at The Hague.

As Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) filed certain preliminary objections related, first, to the admissibility of the Application and, secondly, to the jurisdiction of the Court to deal with the case, the oral proceedings shall be confined to these issues.

### NOTE FOR THE PRESS

1. The public sitting will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace. Members of the Press will be entitled to attend on presentation of an admission card, which may be obtained upon application. The tables reserved for them are situated on the far left of the public entrance of the courtroom.

2. Photographs may be taken before the opening, during the first five minutes of the sitting; and also for a few minutes towards the end. Filming for cinema or television purposes is however subject to special authorization.

3. In the Press Room, located on the ground floor of the Peace Palace (Room 5), the Court's proceedings will be relayed through a loudspeaker.

4. Members of the Press who wish to make phone calls may use the public telephones in the Post Office in the basement of the Palace.

5. Mr. A. Th. Witteveen, Secretary of the Court (Press and Information Matters) (tel. No. 31-70-302 23 36), or, in his absence, Mrs. N. C. El-Erian, Information Officer (tel. No. 31-70-302 23 37), will be available to deal with any requests for information by members of the Press.