

# INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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# Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Uganda)

## Schedule of public hearings to be held from 11 to 29 April 2005

THE HAGUE, 30 March 2005. As announced in Press Release 2004/36, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will hold public hearings in the case concerning <u>Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Uganda)</u> from Monday 11 to Friday 29 April 2005 at the Peace Palace in The Hague, seat of the Court.

Unless indicated otherwise, the morning sittings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the afternoon sittings from 3 to 6 p.m.

The schedule for the hearings is as follows:

## — First round of oral argument

Monday 11 April 2005	morning:	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Tuesday 12 April 2005	morning:	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Wednesday 13 April 2005	morning and afternoon:	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Friday 15 April 2005	morning:	Uganda
Monday 18 April 2005	morning:	Uganda
Tuesday 19 April 2005	morning:	Uganda
Wednesday 20 April 2005	morning and afternoon:	Uganda
Friday 22 April 2005	morning:	Observations of the Democratic Republic of the Congo on the counter-claims of Uganda

#### Second round of oral argument

Monday 25 April 2005 morning and afternoon Democratic Republic of the Congo

(3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.):

Wednesday 27 April 2005 morning and afternoon: Uganda

Friday 29 April 2005

morning (10 a.m-11.30 a.m.):

Reply of the Democratic Republic of the Congo on the counter-claims of Uganda

#### History of the proceedings

For the history of the proceedings, please refer to Press Release No. 2004/36 dated 6 December 2004 on the website of the Court (www.icj-cij.org). On the homepage, click on "Docket", then on the hyperlink for the case and select the requested Press Release.

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#### NOTE TO THE PRESS

- 1. The public hearings will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands. Mobile telephones and beepers are allowed in the courtroom **provided they are turned off or set on silent mode**. Any offending device will be temporarily retained.
- 2. Members of the Press may attend on presentation of a press card. The tables reserved for them are situated to the far left of the public entrance to the courtroom.
- 3. Photographs and TV shots may be taken for a few minutes at the opening of each sitting. The proceedings will be displayed live on a large TV screen in the Press Room, located on the ground floor of the Peace Palace (Room 5). In the Press Room, it will be possible for TV crews to connect recording equipment directly to the Court's video system, but advance notice of this should be given to the Information Department. There is also a facility for the connection of sound-only equipment to the Court's audio system during the proceedings.
- 4. Telephone calls may be made from the phone located in the Press Room (collect calls only) or from the public payphones in the Post Office in the basement of the Peace Palace.
- 5. Verbatim records of the hearings will be published daily on the Court's website (**www.icj-cij.org**), with translations to follow as soon as practicable thereafter.
- 6. Mr. Arthur Witteveen, First Secretary of the Court (tel: +31-70-302 2336), as well as Mrs. Laurence Blairon and Mr. Boris Heim, Information Officers, are available to deal with any requests from the Press (tel: +31-70-302 2337; e-mail address: information@icj-cij.org).