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## Press Release

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### *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (The Gambia v. Myanmar)*

#### Fixing of time-limits for the filing of the initial pleadings

THE HAGUE, 28 January 2020. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, has fixed time-limits for the filing of the initial pleadings in the case concerning *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (The Gambia v. Myanmar)*.

By an Order dated 23 January 2020, the Court fixed 23 July 2020 and 25 January 2021 as the respective time-limits for the filing of a Memorial by the Republic of The Gambia and a Counter-Memorial by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The Court made the Order taking into account the exceptional circumstances of the case and its gravity.

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#### History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Releases Nos. 2019/47, 2019/54 and 2020/3, available on the Court's website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)) under the heading "Press Room/Press Releases".

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The full text of the Order is available on the Court's website ([www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)) under the heading "Cases".

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