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Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Armenia v. Azerbaijan)

Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Azerbaijan v. Armenia)

Solemn declarations of Judge *ad hoc* Koroma

THE HAGUE, 16 June 2023. In accordance with Article 35, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court, the International Court of Justice will hold a public sitting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday 20 June 2023, for the purpose of enabling Mr Abdul G. Koroma to make the solemn declarations provided for in Article 20 of the Statute of the Court, to exercise impartially and conscientiously his powers as judge *ad hoc* in the cases concerning *Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Armenia v. Azerbaijan)* and *Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Azerbaijan v. Armenia)*.

Mr Koroma was chosen by the Republic of Azerbaijan, in accordance with Article 31 of the Statute of the Court, to sit as judge *ad hoc* in both cases following the resignation of Sir Kenneth Keith on 21 April 2023. Neither the Republic of Armenia nor the Court expressed any objection to the appointment.

Earlier press releases relating to the case concerning [*Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination \(Armenia v. Azerbaijan\)*](#) and to the case concerning [*Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination \(Azerbaijan v. Armenia\)*](#) are available on the Court's website.

A. Practical information and admission procedures

Please note that there will be no parking on the Peace Palace grounds.

1. Members of the diplomatic corps

Owing to the limited number of seats available in the Great Hall of Justice, members of the diplomatic corps who wish to attend the sitting are requested to kindly notify the Registry's Information Department by 12 noon on Monday 19 June 2023 at the latest, by email to confirmation@icj-cij.org.

2. Members of the public

A limited number of seats in the public gallery will be available for members of the public on a first-come first-served basis. There will be no advance registration procedure, and admission requests submitted beforehand will not be considered. Members of the public wishing to attend the sitting are requested to present themselves at the main gate of the Peace Palace 40 minutes before the start of the sitting. They will be provided with a badge giving access to the public gallery upon presentation of a valid ID. The security officers at the gate will notify those concerned once all seats available for members of the public have been filled. Admission to the public gallery will close 20 minutes before the start of the sitting.

3. Media representatives

Media representatives who wish to attend the sitting are requested to kindly notify the Registry's Information Department by 12 noon on Monday 19 June 2023 at the latest, by email to media@icj-cij.org. Requests submitted after this deadline will not be considered. The Court's Press Room can accommodate 30 people only. Accreditation requests will be considered on a first-come first-served basis.

B. Further practical information for the media

1. Entry to the Peace Palace

Only duly accredited individuals with valid identification will be permitted to enter the Peace Palace grounds. Accredited media representatives must bring with them their personal ID and press card. They are asked to arrive at the Peace Palace gates no later than 30 minutes before the start of the sitting. The Press Room will be open one and a half hours before the start of the sitting and will close one hour after its conclusion.

2. Access to the courtroom

Photographers and camera crews will only be permitted to enter the courtroom for a few minutes before the opening of the sitting. They will be accompanied by a member of the Information Department. Other media representatives will not have access to the courtroom.

3. Press Room

The sitting will be transmitted live on a large screen in the two official languages of the Court, English and French, in a press room equipped with shared internet access (Wi-Fi and Ethernet). TV crews can connect to the Court's PAL (HD and SD) and NTSC (SD) audio-visual system, and radio reporters to the audio system.

4. Multimedia

The sitting will be streamed [live](#) and on demand (VOD) in the two official languages of the Court, English and French, on the Court's website and on [UN Web TV](#). High-resolution video clips and still photos produced by the Registry during the sitting will be available free of charge and free of copyright for editorial, non-commercial use, on the Court's website and Twitter feed (@CIJ_ICJ) (to download, click on [Multimedia](#)).

Note: The Court's press releases are prepared by its Registry for information purposes only and do not constitute official documents.

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