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Allegations of Genocide under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Ukraine v. Russian Federation: 32 States intervening)

Preliminary objections

The Court to deliver its Judgment on Friday 2 February 2024 at 3 p.m.

THE HAGUE, 29 January 2024. On Friday 2 February 2024, the International Court of Justice will deliver its Judgment on the [preliminary objections](#) raised by the Russian Federation in the case concerning *Allegations of Genocide under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Ukraine v. Russian Federation: 32 States intervening)*. A public sitting will take place at 3 p.m. at the Peace Palace in The Hague, during which Judge Joan E. Donoghue, President of the Court, will read out the Court's Judgment.

It is recalled that, on 26 February 2022, Ukraine filed in the Registry of the Court an [Application instituting proceedings](#) against the Russian Federation concerning "a dispute . . . relating to the interpretation, application and fulfilment of the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide". A summary of the Application instituting proceedings can be found in [press release No. 2022/4](#) on the Court's website. On 3 October 2022, the Russian Federation raised preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court and to the admissibility of the Application.

Members of the diplomatic corps, the public and the media will find below practical information regarding the organization of the sitting.

A. Practical information and admission procedures

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 of States not intervening in the case will not be able to access the courtroom but will be able to follow the proceedings live in a separate room. Those who wish to do so are requested to kindly fill out an [online registration form](#) by midnight (The Hague time) on Wednesday 31 January 2024. On presenting a confirmation of registration from the Information Department and valid diplomatic ID at the main gate of the Peace Palace on the day of the sitting, diplomats will be given a badge providing access to the viewing room. **If capacity is reached before the indicated deadline, the online registration process may be closed sooner.**

2. Members of the public

Only 15 seats will be available in the public gallery 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 at the latest. They will be given a badge providing access to the public gallery upon presentation of valid ID.

3. Media representatives

Media representatives who wish to attend the sitting are requested to kindly fill out an [online accreditation form](#) by midnight (The Hague time) on Wednesday 31 January 2024. Requests submitted after this deadline will not be considered. Accreditation requests will be considered on a first-come first-served basis. **If capacity is reached before the indicated deadline, the online accreditation process may be closed sooner. No requests received by phone or email will be accepted.**

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 it concludes.

2. Access to the courtroom

A limited number of professional photographers and camera operators will be permitted to enter the courtroom for a few minutes at the start of the sitting. They will be accompanied by members 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) audiovisual 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 (to download, click on [Multimedia](#)) and X (formerly Twitter) feed ([@CIJ_ICJ](#)).

Earlier [press releases](#) relating to this case, including the history of the proceedings, are available on the Court's website.

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

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It was established by the United Nations Charter in June 1945 and began its activities in April 1946. The Court is composed of 15 judges elected for a nine-year term by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. The seat of the Court is at the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands). The Court has a twofold role: first, to settle, in accordance with international law, legal disputes submitted to it by States; and, second, to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and agencies of the system.

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