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Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in Sudan (Sudan v. United Arab Emirates)

Serbia files a declaration of intervention in the proceedings under Article 63 of the Statute

THE HAGUE, 25 April 2025. Yesterday, Serbia, invoking Article 63 of the [Statute](#) of the Court, filed in the Registry of the Court a declaration of intervention in the case concerning *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in Sudan (Sudan v. United Arab Emirates)*.

Pursuant to Article 63 of the Statute, whenever the construction of a convention to which States other than those concerned in the case are parties is in question, each of these States has the right to intervene in the proceedings. In this case, the construction given by the judgment of the Court will be equally binding upon them.

In accordance with Article 83 of the [Rules](#) of Court, Sudan and the United Arab Emirates have been invited to furnish written observations on the declaration of intervention.

The full text of the [declaration of intervention of Serbia](#) is available on the Court's website.

History of the proceedings

On 5 March 2025, Sudan filed an [Application instituting proceedings](#) against the United Arab Emirates concerning alleged violations by the latter of its obligations under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (the "Genocide Convention") in relation to the Masalit group in Sudan, most notably in West Darfur.

The Application was accompanied by a [request for the indication of provisional measures](#) submitted pursuant to Article 41 of the Statute of the Court and Articles 73 to 75 of the Rules of Court. Public hearings on Sudan's request were held on Thursday 10 April 2025.

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

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