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Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

(Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro))

The following information is communicated to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

On 26 June 1995, within the time-limit for the filing of its Counter-Memorial, Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), filed certain preliminary objections in the above case. The objections related, firstly, to the admissibility of the Application and, secondly, to the jurisdiction of the Court to deal with the case.

By virtue of Article 79, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Court, the proceedings on the merits are suspended when preliminary objections are filed; proceedings have then to be organized for the consideration of those preliminary objections in accordance with the provisions of that Article.

By an Order of 14 July 1995, the President of the Court, taking into account the views expressed by the Parties, fixed 14 November 1995 as the time-limit within which the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina may present a written statement of its observations and submissions on the preliminary objections raised by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

The subsequent procedure has been reserved for further decision.