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<u>Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo (New Application: 2002)</u> (Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Rwanda)

Schedule of public hearings to be held from 4 to 8 July 2005

THE HAGUE, 22 June 2005. As announced in Press Release 2005/12, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will hold public hearings in the case concerning <u>Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo (New Application: 2002)</u> (Democratic Republic of the Congo v. <u>Rwanda</u>) from Monday 4 to Friday 8 July 2005 at the Peace Palace in The Hague, seat of the Court.

The schedule for the hearings, which will deal with issues concerning the jurisdiction of the Court and the admissibility of the Application, is as follows:

First round of oral argument

Monday 4 July 2005	10 a.m1 p.m.	Rwanda
Tuesday 5 July 2005	10 a.m1 p.m.	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Second round of oral argument		
Wednesday 6 July 2005	3 p.m6 p.m.	Rwanda
Friday 8 July 2005	10 a.m1 p.m.	Democratic Republic of the Congo

History of the proceedings

For the history of the proceedings, please refer to Press Release No. 2005/12, dated 9 May 2005, on the website of the Court (www.icj-cij.org). On the homepage, click on "Docket", then on the hyperlink for the case, and select the requested Press Release.

NOTE TO THE PRESS

1. The public hearings will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands. Mobile telephones and beepers are allowed in the courtroom **provided they are turned off or set on silent mode**. Any offending device will be temporarily retained.

2. Members of the Press may attend on presentation of a press card. The tables reserved for them are situated to the far left of the public entrance to the courtroom.

3. Photographs and TV shots may be taken for a few minutes at the opening of each sitting. The proceedings will be displayed live on a large TV screen in the Press Room, located on the ground floor of the Peace Palace (Room 5). In the Press Room, it will be possible for TV crews to connect recording equipment directly to the Court's video system, but advance notice of this should be given to the Information Department. There is also a facility for the connection of sound-only equipment to the Court's audio system during the proceedings.

4. Telephone calls may be made from the phone located in the Press Room (collect calls only) or from the public payphones in the Post Office in the basement of the Peace Palace.

5. Verbatim records of the hearings will be published daily on the Court's website (**www.icj-cij.org**), with translations to follow as soon as practicable thereafter.

6. Mr. Arthur Witteveen, First Secretary of the Court (tel: +31-70-302 2336), as well as Mrs. Laurence Blairon and Mr. Boris Heim, Information Officers, are available to deal with any requests from the Press (tel: +31-70-302 2337; e-mail address: information@icj-cij.org).
