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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)

Request for the indication of provisional measures

Conclusion of the public hearings held on Thursday 10 April 2025

THE HAGUE, 10 April 2025. The public hearings on the Request for the indication of provisional measures submitted by Sudan 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)* were held today at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court.

The delegation of Sudan was led by HE Mr Muawia Osman Mohamed Khair, Acting Minister of Justice of the Republic of the Sudan, as Agent. The delegation of the United Arab Emirates was led by HE Ms Ameirah Al Hefeiti, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as Agent.

At the end of the presentation of their respective arguments, the Agents of Sudan and the United Arab Emirates made the following requests to the Court:

For Sudan:

“The Republic of the Sudan respectfully requests that, pending final judgment in this case, the Court indicate that:

(1) The United Arab Emirates shall, in accordance with its obligations under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, in relation to the Masalit group in the Republic of the Sudan, take all measures within its power to prevent the commission of all acts within the scope of Article II of this Convention, in particular:

- (a) killing members of the group;
- (b) causing serious bodily or mental harm to the members of the group;
- (c) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; and

- (d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group.
- (2) The United Arab Emirates shall, in accordance with its obligations under the Genocide Convention, in relation to the members of the Masalit group, refrain from any conduct amounting to complicity in the commission of any of the acts described in point (1) above by any irregular armed units, or by any organization or persons.
- (3) The United Arab Emirates shall submit a report to the Court on all measures taken to give effect to this Order within one month, as from the date of this Order, and thereafter every six months, until a final decision on the case is rendered by the Court.”

For the United Arab Emirates:

“The United Arab Emirates requests the Court:

- (1) to reject the request for the indication of provisional measures submitted by the Republic of the Sudan; and
- (2) to remove from the General List the case introduced by the Republic of the Sudan on 5 March 2025.”

The verbatim records of the hearings, including the lists of participating delegations, are available on the [case page](#) on the Court’s website. High-resolution cover shots and still photos produced by the Registry during the hearings are available free of charge and free of copyright for editorial, non-commercial use on the [Multimedia page](#) on the Court’s website.

The Court will now begin its deliberation.

The Court’s decision will be delivered at a public sitting, the date of which will be announced in due course.

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

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