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**Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime
of Genocide (Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Yugoslavia)**

Proceedings on the merits

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 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 its Judgment of 11 July 1996 (see Press Communiqué No. 96/25), the Court found that, on the basis of Article IX of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, it had jurisdiction to adjudicate upon the dispute and that the Application was admissible.

Following that Judgment, time-limits for the written proceedings on the merits had to be fixed. Having ascertained the views of the Parties, the President of the Court, by an Order of 23 July 1996, has fixed 23 July 1997 as the time-limit for the Counter-Memorial of Yugoslavia.

The subsequent procedure is reserved for further decision.
