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**Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms
of Racial Discrimination (Armenia v. Azerbaijan)**

**The Court indicates a provisional measure to ensure unimpeded movement
of persons, vehicles and cargo along the Lachin Corridor**

THE HAGUE, 22 February 2023. The International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, has today delivered its Order on the Request for the indication of provisional measures made by the Republic of Armenia in the case concerning *Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Armenia v. Azerbaijan)*.

In its [Order](#), which has binding effect, the Court *indicates* the following provisional measure:

By thirteen votes to two,

The Republic of Azerbaijan shall, pending the final decision in the case and in accordance with its obligations under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, take all measures at its disposal to ensure unimpeded movement of persons, vehicles and cargo along the Lachin Corridor in both directions.

IN FAVOUR: *President* Donoghue; *Vice-President* Gevorgian; *Judges* Tomka, Abraham, Bennouna, Xue, Robinson, Salam, Iwasawa, Nolte, Charlesworth, Brant; *Judge ad hoc* Daudet;

AGAINST: *Judge* Yusuf; *Judge ad hoc* Keith.

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Judge Yusuf appends a declaration to the Order of the Court; Judge *ad hoc* Keith appends a declaration to the Order of the Court.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in [press releases](#) Nos. 2021/20, 2021/27, 2021/34, 2022/55, 2022/76, 2023/5 and 2023/8, available on the Court's website.

A summary of the Order appears in the document entitled "[Summary 2023/1](#)", to which summaries of the declarations are annexed. This summary and the full text of the Order are available on the Court's website under the heading "Cases".

Note: The Court's press releases are prepared by its Registry for information purposes only and do not constitute official documents.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It was established by the United Nations Charter in June 1945 and began its activities in April 1946. The Court is composed of 15 judges elected for a nine-year term by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. The seat of the Court is at the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands). The Court has a twofold role: first, to settle, in accordance with international law, through judgments which have binding force and are without appeal for the parties concerned, legal disputes submitted to it by States; and, second, to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and agencies of the system.

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