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Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Uganda)

The Court fixes the amounts of compensation due from the Republic of Uganda to the Democratic Republic of the Congo

THE HAGUE, 9 February 2022. The International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, today delivered its Judgment on the question of reparations in the case concerning Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Uganda).

In its Judgment, which is final, without appeal and binding on the Parties, the Court:

- (1) *Fixes* the following amounts for the compensation due from the Republic of Uganda to the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the damage caused by the violations of international obligations by the Republic of Uganda, as found by the Court in its Judgment of 19 December 2005:
 - (a) By twelve votes to two,

US\$225,000,000 for damage to persons;

IN FAVOUR: *President* Donoghue; *Vice-President* Gevorgian; *Judges* Tomka, Abraham, Bennouna, Yusuf, Xue, Sebutinde, Bhandari, Robinson, Iwasawa, Nolte;

AGAINST: Judge Salam; Judge ad hoc Daudet;

(b) By twelve votes to two,

US\$40,000,000 for damage to property;

IN FAVOUR: *President* Donoghue; *Vice-President* Gevorgian; *Judges* Tomka, Abraham, Bennouna, Yusuf, Xue, Sebutinde, Bhandari, Robinson, Iwasawa, Nolte;

AGAINST: Judge Salam; Judge ad hoc Daudet;

(c) Unanimously,

US\$60,000,000 for damage related to natural resources;

(2) By twelve votes to two,

Decides that the total amount due under point 1 above shall be paid in five annual instalments of US\$65,000,000 starting on 1 September 2022;

IN FAVOUR: *President* Donoghue; *Vice-President* Gevorgian; *Judges* Abraham, Bennouna, Yusuf, Xue, Sebutinde, Bhandari, Robinson, Salam, Iwasawa, Nolte;

AGAINST: Judge Tomka; Judge ad hoc Daudet;

(3) Unanimously,

Decides that, should payment be delayed, post-judgment interest of 6 per cent will accrue on any overdue amount as from the day which follows the day on which the instalment was due;

(4) By twelve votes to two,

Rejects the request of the Democratic Republic of the Congo that the costs it incurred in the present case be borne by the Republic of Uganda;

IN FAVOUR: *President* Donoghue; *Vice-President* Gevorgian; *Judges* Abraham, Bennouna, Yusuf, Xue, Sebutinde, Bhandari, Robinson, Salam, Iwasawa, Nolte;

AGAINST: Judge Tomka; Judge ad hoc Daudet;

(5) Unanimously,

Rejects all other submissions made by the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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Judge TOMKA appends a declaration to the Judgment of the Court; Judge YUSUF appends a separate opinion to the Judgment of the Court; Judge ROBINSON appends a separate opinion to the Judgment of the Court; Judge SALAM appends a declaration to the Judgment of the Court; Judge IWASAWA appends a separate opinion to the Judgment of the Court; Judge *ad hoc* DAUDET appends a dissenting opinion to the Judgment of the Court.

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in <u>press releases</u> Nos. 1999/34, 2000/18, 2000/24, 2001/36, 2005/26, 2015/18, 2020/29, 2020/30, 2021/14, 2021/16 and 2022/2 available on the Court's website.

A summary of the Judgment appears in the document entitled "Summary 2022/1", to which summaries of the opinions and declarations are annexed. This press release, the summary and the full text of the Judgment are available on the Court's <u>website</u>.

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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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