

Thirteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties: Guidelines for the media access

The Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (“the Assembly”) will hold its thirteenth session at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 8 to 17 December 2014. During the session, the Assembly will, inter alia, elect the new President of the Assembly for the thirteenth to sixteenth sessions, six new judges, and seven members of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

All journalists wishing to cover the session and related events must submit an official letter of assignment by fax to +31 (0)70 515 83 76 as well as by e-mail to esterluteran@gmail.com.

The application period for accreditation starts on Monday 24 November and closes on Tuesday 16 December 2014 at 17:00 hours EST.

It is advisable to consult the website of the United Nations Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (<http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/index.shtml>) in advance of the session in order to apply for the required media accreditation at United Nations Headquarters. No admittance will be allowed to any of the scheduled events without prior accreditation. Journalists already accredited with the United Nations do not need to submit the letter of assignment, but are requested to confirm their participation via e-mail to esterluteran@gmail.com (copy: aspnewyork@gmail.com). For escort into media designated area within the conference room where the Assembly will be meeting, please go to Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit office located on the on the 2nd floor of the UN Secretariat Building.

Accredited correspondents are permitted access to open meetings in designated areas within the conference room. However, according to rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, the Assembly may decide that if exceptional circumstances arise, its meetings may be held in private.

Film crews interested in filming inside conference room 1 (UN Secretariat Building) where the Assembly is holding its session are kindly reminded that they should always liaise with the focal point from the Secretariat of the Assembly in order to obtain film authorization from the President of the Assembly, after which they would be escorted to the gallery / area reserved for that purpose. Any other requests for filming, particularly on the floor of the conference room where the Assembly is convening its session, should be cleared through the focal point from the Secretariat.

Audio/video recordings are permitted only during plenary meetings of the Assembly, which include elections sessions and general debate. There might be limitations on video/audio recordings when the actual casting of the ballot will take place during the elections. During that time, film crews might be required to move to the part of the conference room from where the confidentiality of the vote would not be compromised.

Further information about the thirteenth session of the Assembly can be found on the website of the International Criminal Court at:

http://www.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/asp/sessions/documentation/13th-session/Pages/default.aspx

Please also see Provisional Work Programme for schedule of meetings at:
http://www.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/asp_docs/ASP13/ASP13-ProvWorkProg-ENG.pdf

The daily ASP Journal can be found at:
http://www.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/asp/sessions/documentation/13th-session/Pages/ASP13-Journals.aspx

The twitter account of the current President of the Assembly is @TIntelmann. This account will be used to provide further information on the account of the incoming President. The suggested hashtags for the Thirteenth session of the Assembly are #ASP13 and #JusticeMatters.

N.B.: The Assembly of States Parties does not deal with visa issues. Members of the media are responsible for obtaining an appropriate visa to travel into the United States of America if needed. Visa may be obtained from a diplomatic or consular mission of the United States of America in the country of residence.

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