

Resumed thirteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties: Guidelines for the media access

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The Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (“the Assembly”) will convene its resumed thirteenth session at the "van Kleffens" meeting room at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, located at Bezuidenhoutseweg 67, 2594 AC The Hague from 24 to 25 June 2015. During the session, the Assembly will hold an election to fill one judicial vacancy.

Journalists wishing to cover the resumed thirteenth session of the Assembly must submit an official letter of assignment or copy of their press card along with the completed accreditation form to the Secretariat (by e-mail to esterluteran@gmail.com or by fax to: +31-70-515-8376). Please find the accreditation form at the following link:
http://www.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/asp_docs/ASP13R/ASP13R-Media-Accreditation-Form-ENG.pdf.

The application period for accreditation starts on Tuesday, 16 June and closes on Wednesday, 24 June at 17:00 hours CET.

Press badges will be issued and handed out at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands starting on Wednesday, 24 June from 08:30 hours to journalists that have received accreditation upon presentation of a passport or a valid ID with photo. Only those representatives of the media possessing press badges will be given access to meetings that will be open to the media.

Please note that there will be no press facilities available at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Accredited correspondents are permitted access to open meetings in designated areas within the "van Kleffens" meeting room in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. However, according to rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, the Assembly may decide that if exceptional circumstances arise, its meetings may be held in private.

Media crews interested in filming inside the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are kindly reminded that they should always liaise with the focal point from the Secretariat of the Assembly, Ms. Estera Luteranova, in order to obtain film authorization from the President of the Assembly, after which they would be escorted to the area reserved for that purpose. Any other requests for filming, particularly on the floor of the meeting 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. There might be limitations on video/audio recording depending on whether the actual casting of the ballot will take place during the elections. If that is the case, camera crews might be required to move to the part of the meeting room from where the confidentiality of the vote would not be compromised.

Further information about the resumed thirteenth session can be found on the Assembly website:
http://www.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/asp/sessions/documentation/13th-session-resumption/Pages/default.aspx.

Journalists are invited to follow the President of the Assembly, Minister Sidiki Kaba, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sidiki.kaba.77 and Twitter @ICC_PASP. For additional information please contact Ms. Estera Luteranova at +31 652 671 504 or via e-mail at esterluteran@gmail.com.
