

Journal

15 November 2016

**INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES
THE HAGUE, 16 – 24 NOVEMBER 2016**

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 16 November 2016

First plenary meeting

- Opening of the session
- Silent prayer or meditation
- Adoption of the agenda
- Election of a Vice-President
- Appointment of the Credentials Committee
- Organization of work
- States in arrears
- Report on the activities of the Court
- Report of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims
- Report on the activities of the Bureau
- Election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance

10:00 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

Meeting of the Credentials Committee¹

12:30 – 13:00.....Europe 1&2

Second plenary meeting

- General debate

15:00 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

¹ Immediately following the adjournment of the plenary.

Thursday, 17 November 2016**Third plenary meeting****- General debate²**

10:00 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

Fourth plenary meeting**- General debate**

15:00 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

Fifth plenary meeting**- General debate**

18:30 – 20:00.....King Willem Alexander

Friday, 18 November 2016**Sixth plenary meeting****-Panel discussion on cooperation³**

10:00 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

Open Bureau meeting: “Relationship between Africa and the International Criminal Court: Resuming dialogue to win the fight against impunity”

15:00 – 16:30.....King Willem Alexander

Working Group on Amendments

16:30 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

Saturday, 19 November 2016**Informal consultations on the omnibus resolution**

10:00 – 11:30.....Europe 1&2

Reserved

11:30 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

² The debate may also take place during the lunch break and in the evening.³ The plenary session on cooperation is titled “Effective cooperation and accountability for Rome Statute crimes: the contribution of national, regional and intergovernmental initiatives”. The panel discussion will be divided into two segments: Interactive panel consisting of seven speakers representing different regions and backgrounds: the Court, international organization, regional organization, national authority, civil society (1.5 hours), followed by an interactive segment where participants can present questions or brief statements on their efforts in this area (1.5 hours).A speakers’ list is now open and States and other stakeholders wishing to intervene in the discussions should request inscription on the list as soon as possible at: ASP15Cooperation@icc-cpi.int.Participants are kindly requested to deliver statements of no more than three minutes. Participants are also encouraged to engage in an interactive dialogue with the panellists during the session that will follow the panel discussion, and to refrain as far as possible from making lengthy prepared statements.

For further information please refer to the Concept note at the ASP website:

https://asp.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/asp/sessions/documentation/15th-session/Pages/ASP15-Plenary.aspx.

Working Group on Amendments

15:00 – 16:30.....King Willem Alexander

Reserved

16:30 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

Monday, 21 November 2016**Seventh plenary meeting**

- **Consideration of the budget: Presentations by the Registrar and the Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance**

- **Consideration of the Audit reports**

10:00 – 11:30.....King Willem Alexander

Working Group on the budget

11:30 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

Informal consultations on the omnibus resolution

15:00 – 16:30..... Europe 1&2

Working Group on Amendments

16:30 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

Tuesday, 22 November 2016**Eighth plenary meeting**

- **Report of the Oversight Committee on the permanent premises**

- **Progress report by the Coordinators**

- **APIC pledging ceremony**

10:00 – 10:30.....King Willem Alexander

Reserved

10:30 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

Reserved

15:00 – 16:30.....King Willem Alexander

Ninth plenary meeting

- **Performance indicators for the ICC**

16:30 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

Wednesday, 23 November 2016**Informal consultations on the omnibus resolution**

10:00 – 11:30.....Europe 1&2

Working Group on the budget

11:30 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

Reserved

15:00 – 16:30.....King Willem Alexander

Reserved

16:30 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

Thursday, 24 November 2016**Reserved**

10:00 – 11:30.....King Willem Alexander

Reserved

11:30 – 12:30.....King Willem Alexander

Meeting of the Credentials Committee

12:30 – 13:00.....Europe 1&2

Tenth plenary meeting

- Consideration of reports
- Report of the Credentials Committee
- Oral report of the Rapporteur
- Adoption of the report
- Closure of the session

15:00 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

Other forthcoming meetings

Wednesday, 16 November 2016

African group coordination meeting

09:15 – 10:00.....Europe 1&2

European Union coordination meeting

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

GRULAC (Group of Latin America and Caribbean States) coordination meeting

09:15 – 10:00.....Seine

JRR - Helping to fulfil the promise of ending impunity – Justice Rapid Response Annual General Report (co-hosted by Finland and Justice Rapid Response)

13:15 – 14:45.....Europe 1&2

“Towards a Multilateral Treaty for Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition for Domestic Prosecution of the Most Serious International Crimes - State of Play” (co-hosted by Argentina, Belgium, the Netherlands and Slovenia)

13:15-14:45.....Oceania 2

Trust Fund for Victims: launch of the Annual Progress Report 2016 (co-hosted by Uruguay and the Trust Fund for Victims)

13:15 – 14:45.....Princess Ariane

The official launch of the Office of the Prosecutor’s Policy on Children (hosted by the Office of the Prosecutor)

18:00 – 22:00 (*by invitation only*)..... Hotel Crowne Plaza⁴

Thursday, 17 November 2016

European Union coordination meeting

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

A call for investigations and accountability in Nigeria (hosted by Amnesty International)

20:00 – 21:00.....World Café

Friday, 18 November 2016

Bureau meeting

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania

Strengthening financial investigations – alternative sources of evidence for the ICC (hosted by Liechtenstein)

08:30 – 10:00..... Europe 1&2

⁴ Van Stolkweg 1, 2585 JL The Hague

Global Civil Society & European States: What can be done to advance International Justice? (co-hosted by Slovakia, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) and the European External Action Service (EEAS))

08:30 – 10:00.....Antarctica

European Union coordination meeting

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

Crimes Against Humanity, Sex Crimes and Command Responsibility: developments and boundaries in core international crimes practice (co-hosted by Norway, the United Kingdom and Centre for International Law Research and Policy (CILRAP))

13:15 – 14:50.....Europe 1&2

Child Soldiers: Prevention and Accountability (co-hosted by Canada, Office of the Prosecutor, Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative and Justice Rapid Response)

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania 2

National jurisdictions in the front line of fighting impunity (hosted by the European Union Network for investigation and prosecution)

13:30 – 15:00.....King Willem Alexander

Carrying Forward the Innovations of the Extraordinary African Chambers for the Prosecution of Habré (co-hosted by Belgium, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Uganda, the United Kingdom, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) and The Hague Institute for Global Justice)

13:00 – 15:00.....Everest 1&2

Visit to the permanent premises⁵

13:15 – 14:45.....ICC permanent premises

The role of international criminal justice in the fight against modern slavery (co-hosted by Liechtenstein and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC))

13:00 – 15:00.....Antarctica

Domestic Accountability for Crimes Against Humanity in Mexico (hosted by the Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI))

13:00 – 15:00.....Africa

“Building or breaking international criminal justice in Africa?” (co-hosted by the Netherlands, Uganda and the Institute for Security Studies)

18:00 – 20:00.....King Willem Alexander

Reception on the occasion of the fifteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties (co-hosted by the City of The Hague and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC))

18:30 – 20:30 (*by invitation only*).....Restaurant Gember⁶

⁵ The buses will be available at the World Forum Convention Center at 13:00 and will leave for the permanent premises at 13:15. After the tour, the buses will depart from the permanent premises to the World Forum Convention Center at 14:30. The lunch will not be provided; however, a simple lunch can be purchased at the visitor's restaurant.

⁶ Stadhouderslaan 43, 2517 HV The Hague

Saturday, 19 November 2016

European Union coordination meeting

09:00 – 10:00 Oceania 2

Accountability options for Syria (co-hosted by Canada, Liechtenstein and No Peace Without Justice)

13:00 – 15:00 Europe 1&2

The ICC children's policy: an essential response to child victims (co-hosted by the State of Palestine and the Institute for Security Studies)

13:00 – 15:00 Oceania 2

Moving reparation forward, some lessons learnt (hosted by REDRESS)

13:00 – 15:00 Africa

Justice in Kenya after the International Criminal Court (co-hosted by the Open Society Justice Initiative and the International Commission of Jurists – Kenya (ICJ-Kenya))

13:00 – 15:00 Antarctica

Monday, 21 November 2016

European Union coordination meeting

09:00 – 10:00 Oceania 2

Activation of the Kampala amendments on the crime of aggression (hosted by Liechtenstein)

13:00 – 15:00 Europe 1&2

Draft Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Humanity (co-hosted by Germany, the Republic of Korea and the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute)

13:30 – 15:00 Oceania 2

The ICC and Crimes Against Humanity in North Korea (co-hosted by the Republic of Korea, Geoffrey Nice Foundation on Law, History, Politics and Society in the Context of Mass Atrocities, Giordano Bruno Foundation and International Coalition to Stop Crimes against Humanity in North Korea (ICNK))

13:00 – 15:00 A1 Room, Marriott Hotel⁷

Strengthening ICC Co-operation through Legislation and Access to Legal Sources: The Cooperation and Judicial Assistance Database (CJAD) (co-hosted by Norway, Centre for International Law Research and Policy (CILRAP), the Chinese Initiative on International Law and International Nuremberg Principles Academy)

13:00 – 15:00 Everest 1&2

The Bemba Ruling and Beyond: Prosecuting Conflict Related Sexual Violence (hosted by the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, South Africa)

13:15 – 14:45 Africa

⁷ Johan de Wittlaan 30, 2517 JR The Hague

The role of the ICC in Promoting Accountability for Crimes Committed in Ukraine (co-hosted by the International Partnership for Human Rights (IPHR) and International Renaissance Foundation (IRF))

13:15 – 15:00.....Antarctica

Book launch: "The Crime of Aggression - A Commentary" (co-hosted by Germany and Liechtenstein)

18:30.....Europe 1&2

Through the looking glass – Imagining the future of International Criminal Justice (co-hosted by the Africa Group for Justice and Accountability and Wayamo Foundation with the art exhibition “Weights and Measures: Portraits of Justice”)

18:00 – 19:30 (*followed by a reception*).....Ballroom, Marriott Hotel⁸

Tuesday, 22 November 2016

The ICC in Kenya: Lessons learnt, loose ends and legacy (hosted by Kenyans for Peace with Truth and Justice (KPTJ))

08:30 – 10:00.....Africa

European Union coordination meeting

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

Launch of the Handbook on Complementarity and a subsequent panel discussion on complementarity (co-hosted by Botswana, Sweden and the International Center for Transitional Justice)

13:15 – 14:45..... Europe 1&2

Presentation of the book “The International Criminal Court and Africa: One Decade On” (co-hosted by Ghana, the Netherlands and Africa Legal Aid (AFLA))

13:00 – 15:00.....Oceania

Grave Crimes and Grand Corruption (co-hosted by Sierra Leone and Open Society Foundation)

13:00 – 15:00.....King Willem Alexander

The Future of the ICC: Facing the Challenges and Strengthening its Legitimacy (co-hosted by the Netherlands and Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG))

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2

Visit to the permanent premises⁹

13:15 – 14:45.....ICC permanent premises

Evidence in International Criminal Trials: Developments and Challenges (co-hosted by Switzerland and the International Bar Association)

13:00 – 15:00.....Africa

⁸ Johan de Wittlaan 30, 2517 JR The Hague

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Protecting human rights defenders: what can States Parties do? (hosted by the Institute for Security Studies)

13:00 – 15:00.....Antarctica

Grave Crimes and Grand Corruption (co-hosted by Sierra Leone and Open Society Justice Initiative)

18:00 – 20:00.....Antarctica

Wednesday, 23 November 2016**European Union coordination meeting**

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

Book launch and discussion: "Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: The Deterrent Effect of International Criminal Tribunals" (co-hosted by Germany and International Nuremberg Principles Academy)

13:30 – 15:00..... Europe 1&2

An Introduction to the ICC Bar Association: The new voice for the legal profession (co-hosted by France, the Netherlands, Senegal and the United Kingdom)

13:00 – 15:00..... Oceania 2

Witness Interference (co-hosted by the Republic of Korea and Open Society Justice Initiative)

13:00 – 15:00.....Everest 1&2

Redress for Kenyans after the ICC: Perspectives and possibilities (co-hosted by the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Impunity Watch and Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC))

13:15 – 14:45.....Antarctica

Thursday, 24 November 2016**European Union coordination meeting**

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

Complementarity in Central and West-Africa (co-hosted by France, Senegal and Amnesty International)¹⁰

13:15-14:45..... Europe 1&2

¹⁰ In French

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