

ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

TO THE ROME STATUTE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

HANDBOOK FOR PARTICIPANTS



Seventh session:	World Forum Convention Center - The Hague 14 to 22 November 2008
First Resumption:	United Nations Headquarters - New York 19-23 January 2009
Second Resumption:	United Nations Headquarters - New York 9-13 February 2009

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INTRODUCTION

At its 6th meeting, on 30 November 2007, the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (the Assembly) decided to convene its seventh session in The Hague in November 2008, and to have two resumptions of the seventh session in New York. The seventh session will be held in the Hague from 14 to 22 November 2008. The first resumption of the seventh session is scheduled to be held at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, from 19 to 23 January 2009. The second resumption of the seventh session* which will also take place at United Nations Headquarters, is tentatively scheduled for 9 to 13 February 2009.

Invitations to the seventh session of the Assembly were sent to States and other entities in April 2008 (Note Verbale ICC-ASP/7/S/09).

The Assembly has a Bureau consisting of the President, two Vice-Presidents and 18 members elected by the Assembly from among the representatives of the States Parties for three-year terms. At the beginning of the sixth session, the Assembly elected H. E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser (Liechtenstein) to serve as President for the period 2008-2011. The Assembly will also elect Vice-Presidents and other Members of the Bureau (see <http://www.icc-cpi.int/asp/aspbureau.html>).

VENUE AND DATES

THE HAGUE

The seventh session of the Assembly will be held from 14 to 22 November 2008 in the World Forum Convention Center (WFCC), Churchillplein 10, The Hague (Den Haag), the Netherlands.

NEW YORK

The resumed seventh session of the Assembly will be held from 13 to 19 January 2009 at United Nations Headquarters, First Avenue and 42nd Street, New York, United States.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

THE HAGUE

The official opening of the seventh session will take place in the World Forum Theater at the World Forum Convention Center on 14 November 2008 at 10:00 hours. Participants are requested to be seated in the World Forum Theater by 9:45 hours.

NEW YORK

The official opening of the first resumption of the seventh session will take place in Conference Room 4 at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 19 January at 10:00 hours. Participants are requested to be seated in Conference Room 4 by 9:45 hours.

*Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression

Online documentation: http://www.icc-cpi.int/asp/documentation/doc_7thsession.html

CHECKLIST FOR STATES:

- 1) Register each participant by using the registration form received by mail
- 2) States Parties: Submit credentials to the ASP Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties
- 3) Observer States: Submit a notification to the ASP Secretariat with the names of participants
- 4) Regarding attendance at the resumed seventh session, Missions must submit SG.6 forms for delegates not holding a valid UN grounds pass

For more details and sample credentials letter/notification letter, see page 3 below

REGISTRATION**THE HAGUE**

All States participants are advised that they will be admitted to the conference only upon presentation of a Conference pass with a photograph. Registration forms were distributed to States and observers by mail and will be made available on the Court's website.

NGOs wishing to attend the seventh session must submit a written request naming each of its representatives on official letterhead to the ASP Secretariat or to the Coalition for an International Criminal Court (CICC) by 24 October 2008. NGO representatives will have to present the letter issued by the ASP Secretariat, confirming their eligibility to attend the seventh session, to the registration desk to obtain a Conference pass.

The on-site registration of participants will start at the World Forum Convention Center on Thursday, 13 November from 11:00 to 21:00 hours and from 14 to 22 from 8:00 to 16:00 hours except Sunday 16 November. Conference passes will be issued upon presentation of valid identification, preferably a passport.

For participants who arrive early in The Hague or who are based in The Hague, **pre-registration** will be possible at the International Criminal Court at Maanweg 174, The Hague on Tuesday, 11 November and Wednesday 12 November from 14:00 – 17:00 hours.

NEW YORK

All States participants will need a United Nations valid grounds pass for access to all meetings of the Assembly at UN Headquarters. Delegations not holding a valid UN grounds pass, will have to liaise through their Missions in New York. A letter signed by the Head of Chancery or Administrative Officer, containing the names of participants and the completed SG.6 forms, must be sent to the Chief of Protocol of the UN. Once the forms have been authorized by Protocol, missions are requested to deliver them to the delegates, for processing at the Pass and ID Office.

Observers from international/intergovernmental organizations will have to obtain a UN grounds pass according to established UN procedures.

All NGOs wishing to attend the first or second resumption of the seventh session must submit a written request naming each of its representatives on official letterhead to the ASP Secretariat or the CICC by 30 November 2008. NGO representatives who currently hold a UN grounds pass can use this pass to attend the meetings. Other NGO representatives will have to present the letter issued by the ASP Secretariat confirming their attendance to the registration desk for NGOs in the lobby at the UN Visitors' entrance.

UN grounds passes can be obtained at the UN Pass and ID office, located at the corner of 45th and 1st Avenue, between 9:00-16:00 hours (closed between 12:45-14:00 hours). Passes are issued upon presentation of two valid proofs of identification.

CREDENTIALS**Credentials of States Parties**

Pursuant to Rule 24 of the *Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties*, the credentials of representatives of States Parties and the names of alternates and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretariat if possible not later than 24h after the opening of the session. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them.

Rule 26: Pending a decision of the Assembly upon their credentials, representatives of States Parties shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the Assembly.

SAMPLE OF CREDENTIALS LETTER FOR STATES PARTIES**[OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD]**

Address to Secretariat of the Assembly

Whereas [*name of State Party*] desires to be represented at the [*seventh session*] [*seventh session and the first and the second resumption of the seventh session*] of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to be held in [*The Hague and/or New York*], from [*dates*],

Now therefore we [*Head of State or Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs or person authorized by either*] have appointed the following participants to represent [*name of State Party*] to the [*seventh session*] [*seventh session and first and second resumptions of the seventh session*] of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court:

Seventh session in The Hague:

Representative (one): [*name and title*]
 Alternate(s): [*name(s) and title(s)*]
 Adviser(s): [*name(s) and title(s)*]

First resumption of the seventh session in New York:

Representative (one): [*name and title*]
 Alternate(s): [*name(s) and title(s)*]
 Adviser(s): [*name(s) and title(s)*]

Second resumption of the seventh session in New York:

Representative (one): [*name and title*]
 Alternate(s): [*name(s) and title(s)*]
 Adviser(s): [*name(s) and title(s)*]

The representative has full powers to act and take decisions on behalf of the Government of ...

[CERTIFIED WITH SIGNATURE AND SEAL]

NOTIFICATIONS**Notifications from Observer States**

Pursuant to Rule 28 of the *Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties*, regarding notification of participation of representatives of Observer States, the names of designated representatives of Observer States and of alternates and advisers who accompany them shall be submitted to the Secretariat.

States not having observer status

Pursuant to Rule 94 of the *Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties*, at the beginning of each session of the Assembly, the President may, subject to the approval of the Assembly, invite a given State which is not a party and does not have observer status to designate a representative to be present during the work of the Assembly.

SAMPLE OF NOTIFICATION FROM OBSERVER STATES**[OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD]**

The Embassy/Mission of [*name of State*] presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties and has the honor to submit the composition of the [*name of State*] delegation to the [*seventh session*] [*seventh session and first and second resumptions of the seventh session*] of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to be held in [*The Hague and/or New York*], from [*dates*],

Seventh session in The Hague:

Representative (one): [*name and title*]
 Alternate(s): [*name(s) and title(s)*]
 Adviser(s): [*name(s) and title(s)*]

First resumption of the seventh session in New York:

Representative (one): [*name and title*]
 Alternate(s): [*name(s) and title(s)*]
 Adviser(s): [*name(s) and title(s)*]

Second resumption of the seventh session in New York:

Representative (one): [*name and title*]
 Alternate(s): [*name(s) and title(s)*]
 Adviser(s): [*name(s) and title(s)*]

The Embassy/Mission of [*name of State*] avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties the assurances of its highest consideration.

[CERTIFIED WITH SIGNATURE AND SEAL]

PARTICIPANTS

STATES

All States Parties to the Rome Statute are entitled to participate in the meeting and will have the right to request the inclusion of supplementary items on the agenda, deliver statements, and to vote. Other States which have signed the Statute or the Final Act are also invited to participate in the meeting as observers, without a right to vote. A State which is not a party and does not have observer status may be invited by the President subject to the approval of the Assembly.

Each State Party shall be represented by one representative, who may be accompanied by alternates and advisers. Each Observer State may be represented in the Assembly by one designated representative, who may be accompanied by alternates and advisers. The representative may designate an alternate or an adviser to act in his/her capacity.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER ENTITIES

Entities, (regional) intergovernmental organizations and other entities with a United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) standing invitation, as well as other international bodies who were invited to the Rome Conference, accredited to the Preparatory Commission or are invited by the Assembly, may participate as observers, without the right to vote. (See *Rules of Procedure*, Rule 92, for complete text).

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS)

NGOs invited to the Rome Conference in 1998, registered to the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court, or having consultative status with ECOSOC whose activities are relevant to the activities of the Court, and other NGOs invited by the Assembly may attend under the conditions laid down in the Assembly's Rules of Procedure. (See *Rules of Procedure*, Rule 93, for complete text).

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

The President of the Court, the Prosecutor and the Registrar, or their representatives, may participate, as appropriate, in meetings of the Assembly and the Bureau in accordance with the provisions of the *Rules of Procedure* and may make oral or written statements and provide information on any question under consideration.

UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations has a standing invitation to participate, without the right to vote, in the work and deliberations of the Assembly. The Secretary-General of the UN, or his/her designated member of the UN Secretariat, may participate in the meetings of the Assembly and the Bureau. He/She may make oral or written statements concerning any question under consideration by the Assembly which pertains to United Nations activities and provide information as appropriate.

The *Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties* to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court can be found online at:

http://www.icc-cpi.int/library/asp/ICC-ASP-Rules_of_Procedure_English.pdf

http://www.icc-cpi.int/library/asp/ICC-ASP-Rules_of_Procedure_French.pdf

http://www.icc-cpi.int/library/asp/ICC-ASP-Rules_of_Procedure_Spanish.pdf

For all ASP documentation, go to: http://www.icc-cpi.int/asp/documentation/doc_7thsession.html

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

A draft list of participants will be produced during the course of the seventh session.

JOURNAL

THE HAGUE

A daily programme of meetings, events, and announcements will be available at the Registration Desk and at the Documentation Counter.

NEW YORK

A daily programme of meetings, events, and announcements can be found in the *UN Journal* which is available online at <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/En/lateste.pdf>.

LANGUAGES

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish are the official languages, as well as the working languages, of the Assembly.

For the Plenary and the meetings of the Working Groups, simultaneous interpretation into Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be provided.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

States Parties will be seated in English alphabetical order, starting with the State drawn by lot (Jordan, for the seventh session). Four designated seats, two of which will be at a table, will be provided to each State Party. Observer States and invited States will be seated in alphabetical order behind the States Parties. International/Intergovernmental organizations, representatives from the Court, and NGOs will be seated in designated areas.

MEETINGS

The meetings of the Assembly and of its subsidiary bodies with general membership shall be held in public, unless the Assembly decides that exceptional circumstances require that the meetings shall be held in private. As a general rule, meetings of the Bureau and of subsidiary bodies with limited membership shall be held in private, unless the body concerned decides otherwise.

The programme of the meetings will be printed in the *Conference Journal*, which will be issued on a daily basis and will specify conference rooms and times of meetings.

Unless otherwise indicated, morning meetings will be held from 10:00 to 13:00 hours; afternoon meetings from 15:00 to 18:00 hours.

DECISION-MAKING

Every effort shall be made to reach decisions in the Assembly and in the Bureau by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, decisions shall be taken by vote. Each State Party shall have one vote. Decisions on matters of substance must be approved by a two-thirds majority of States Parties present and voting. Decisions on matters of procedure shall be taken by a simple majority of States Parties present and voting. States Parties are reminded of Article 112 Paragraph 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court which reads:

“A State Party which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions towards the costs of the Court shall have no vote in the Assembly and in the Bureau if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a State Party to vote in the Assembly and in the Bureau if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the State Party.”

ELECTIONS

At the first resumption of the seventh session in New York, the Assembly shall proceed with the election of six judges and six Committee on Budget and Finance. Information on the nominations can be found at: <http://www.icc-cpi.int/asp/elections.html>.

STATEMENTS

Representatives wishing to circulate statements to all participants are requested to provide 250 copies to the Meeting Room Attendant, who will be located in the front of the meeting room. Alternatively, representatives who do not wish to have their statements circulated but would still wish to help ensure that the impact of their words is equally strong in all languages, are requested to read at a reasonable speed and to hand in 14 copies of the statement for distribution to the President, Rapporteur, Secretariat, and interpreters. In either case, copies of statements should be delivered to the Meeting Room Attendant before the speaker takes the floor, preferably at the start of the meeting, to allow sufficient time for distribution of statements to the interpreters. Conference participants are reminded that the Secretariat will not be in a position to offer reproduction services for such texts.

If written texts are provided in more than one official language, delegations should indicate clearly which of those texts is to be accepted as the official text. Furthermore, delegates should specify whether that official text will be read out as written or if it should be checked against delivery, in which case the words “check against delivery” should be clearly indicated on the top right corner of the first page.

Other written statements submitted by the designated representatives of entities, intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly of the United Nations, regional intergovernmental organizations or other accredited international bodies and non-governmental organizations shall be made available by the ASP Secretariat to representatives of the States Parties and Observer States in the quantities and in the language or languages in which the statements are made available to it, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of non-governmental organization is related to the work of the Assembly and is on a subject in which the organization has a special competence. Written statements shall not be reproduced at the expense of the Assembly and shall not be issued as official documents.

DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

THE HAGUE

One set of documents will be provided to each delegation in the World Forum Theater. Additional documents may be obtained from the documentation counter in the Asia Room across from the main entrance of the World Forum Theater.

NEW YORK

A limited number of copies of documents will be provided to each delegation at the documents counter in Conference Room 4.

BOOKING OF MEETING ROOMS

THE HAGUE

Rooms for meetings, including those of regional groups or other informal meetings of States, may be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis by contacting the ASP Secretariat.

NEW YORK

Rooms for meetings of regional groups and other major groupings of States should be reserved by chairpersons of those groups, and rooms for other informal meetings of States will need to be reserved by a Permanent Mission according to established UN practice.

SECURITY AND SAFETY

Delegates are reminded not to leave briefcases or any valuable items unattended in the meeting rooms. Participants are advised to carry their valuables safely, especially at railway stations and while on public transport.

Restrictions will be in place on the use of cellular telephones, radio transmitters, recording devices and camera equipment inside the conference area.

EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL SERVICE

THE HAGUE

Should medical first aid be required, security personnel may be contacted (extension 8484). The main number to call in case of an Emergency (police, fire, ambulance) is **112**. For non-urgent matters, the police can be reached at 0900-8844.

For participants with a non-acute medical problem that really needs attention and who have no embassy or mother-organisation in the Netherlands, the Court's doctor can be contacted via the States Registration Desk.

Nearest hospital:

Red Cross Hospital (Rode Kruis Ziekenhuis) Sportlaan 600, 2566 MJ Den Haag. Phone: 070 312-6200/361-4761.

NEW YORK

The UN Medical Services Division provides emergency medical assistance to delegates and members of diplomatic missions to the United Nations. A medical clinic is situated in the Secretariat Building (Room S-0535) and is open from 8:30 to 18:00 hours
Telephone: (212) 963-7090.

For emergencies within the UN, the 24-hour emergency telephone number is (212) 963-6666.

In case of an emergency outside the UN call **911**.

SOCIAL EVENTS

For coordination purposes, the organisers of receptions and other protocol events should contact the Secretariat (see page 11 for contact information). Announcements about social events may be made in meetings or published in the *Journal*.

HOTELS

THE HAGUE

All participants are solely responsible for the reservations and payments of hotel rooms. Hotel information can be found at <http://www2.holland.com/denhaag/gb/>. It is advisable to make reservations as soon as possible due to limited availability.

NEW YORK

All participants are solely responsible for the reservations and payments of hotel rooms. Hotel information can be found at www.nyc.com/hotels/.

CATERING

THE HAGUE

Lunches will be available in the conference cafeteria at the World Forum Convention Center between 12:00 and 14:30 hours. A coffee corner will be located in the Oceania Foyer. In addition, the World Forum Convention Center has a café and restaurant on either side of the main reception area.

NEW YORK

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be available in the UN cafeteria on the first floor from 8:00 to 20:30 hours. The Austria (Vienna) Cafe in the basement offers beverages and snacks from 9:00 - 18:00 hours. The delegates' lounge on the second floor has a snack bar which is open from 10:00-17:00 hours. The delegates dining room requires reservation (963.7625/7626).

TELEPHONE AND INTERNET FACILITIES

THE HAGUE

Telephone booths can be found in the lobby. Telephone cards may be purchased from the Reception Desk for five Euros or ten Euros each. If you are calling from outside the Netherlands to The Hague, add the country code (31) and the city code (70) to the telephone number. From within the Netherlands, calls to The Hague should be preceded by 070. Calls within the city do not require a city code.

Directory assistance for numbers within the Netherlands: 0900 8008. For international numbers: 0900 8418.

An internet café for participants will be located in the Oceania Foyer and additional

NEW YORK

Extensions within the UN are preceded by the 963 or 367 prefixes. Direct internal calls can be made by dialling the access code "3" or "7" plus the extension. The main listed number of the UN is 1-212 963 1234. Phone booths are located in the Delegates' Lounge or in the conference areas.

Directory information: 411 or 555-1212.

Computers with internet access for state delegations can be found in the Delegates' Lounge and in the First Basement of the Secretariat Building.

computers will be available in the public areas for use by participants.

Free Wi-Fi will be available in the World Forum Theater, in the Oceanic Foyer, as well as in the café next to the main reception area.

POSTAL SERVICES

THE HAGUE

Stamps can be bought at the information desk at the World Forum Convention Center. A mailbox can be found next to the paid cloak room, at the right, when entering the WFCC.

PARKING

THE HAGUE

Paid parking is available in the underground garage at the WFCC. Day tickets (€10, including VAT) may be purchased at the main reception desk.

TAXIS

THE HAGUE

Participants are advised to only use licensed taxis which have blue number plates. When ordering a taxi, please indicate that special ICC rates are available to you when you use taxis from the following companies:

Noordzee Taxi: 070-358 9999
Hofstad Taxi: 070-346 2626

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

THE HAGUE

The WFCC can be reached by trams #1, #10 (limited hours) or #17, and by bus #14. Transport tickets (strippenkaarten) valid for trams and buses can be purchased from the main reception desk, or from tobacco shops, newsstands, train stations, post offices or transport kiosks. (Tickets bought directly from the driver cost up to 40% more per ride.) With pre-purchased

NEW YORK

A sub-branch of the United States Post Office is located on the concourse level in room S-B1-26 (ext. 3.7353) and is open from 9:00-17:30 hours.

NEW YORK

Parking for delegates at the UN should be arranged by Missions according to established UN practice. Public parking is available on 44th Street between First and Second Avenue.

NEW YORK

Yellow taxis are numerous everywhere and can be hailed when their (middle) light on their roofs are lit. At airports you are advised not to accept a ride from unlicensed taxis but to go to the taxi stand where you will be given an indication of the fare to your destination.

NEW YORK

The UN Headquarters is at walking distance from Grand Central Station. Prepaid transport tickets which can be used both on the bus and the subway can be bought at all subway stations. When paying in cash on the bus, one must pay the exact fare in coins only.

strippenkaarten, a single journey within one zone costs 2 strips (€1.60), two zones cost 3 strips (€2,40). Strippenkaarten of 15 strips or 45 strips, are more economical per ride. Once on board, the driver can determine the amount of strips needed per individual ride. (See Annex III for additional information.)

BANKING AND CURRENCY EXCHANGE

THE HAGUE

There is a cash dispenser to the left of the main entrance at the WFCC. In the center of town, and at the railway stations, you will also find currency exchange facilities. The currency of the Netherlands is the EURO. Credit cards are accepted at most major stores, restaurants and hotels. Smaller shops, however, may only accept cash.

NEW YORK

There is a Chase Bank and cash dispenser (ATM) in the UN Secretariat Building on the fourth floor. The bank is open from 9:00-16:00 hours. An additional ATM machine can be found on the first floor. In the area of Grand Central station there are many currency exchange facilities. Credit cards are widely accepted.

SHOPS

THE HAGUE

Some small shops are open on week days from 9:00 hours until 18:00 hours, with larger shops opening at 10:00. Bakeries open earlier. On Thursday evenings, large stores stay open until 21:00 hours. On Sundays, the large stores in the city center are open, but not until 12:00 hours (noon).

NEW YORK

Many shops stay open until late. Some supermarkets stay open all night.

CLOAKROOM

THE HAGUE

Coat racks will be located at the entrance of the Conference area upon entering through the metal detectors, to the left.

NEW YORK

A cloakroom is available to delegates in the General Assembly building, to the left of the Delegates entrance on the first floor, from 9:00-19:00 hours. The UN does not accept responsibility for valuables and documentation left in cloakrooms.

CONTACT INFORMATION

SECRETARIAT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

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		Fax for registration:	+31 (0)70 381 5476
		General Email:	asp@asp.icc-cpi.int

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ANNEX I

LIST OF STATES PARTIES*

Afghanistan	Gabon	Panama
Albania	Gambia	Paraguay
Andorra	Georgia	Peru
Antigua and Barbuda	Germany	Poland
Argentina	Ghana	Portugal
Australia	Greece	
Austria	Guinea	Republic of Korea
	Guyana	Romania
Barbados		
Belgium	Honduras	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belize	Hungary	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Benin		Samoa
Bolivia	Iceland	San Marino
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ireland	Senegal
Botswana	Italy	Serbia
Brazil		Sierra Leone
Bulgaria	Japan	Slovakia
Burkina Faso	Jordan	Slovenia
Burundi		South Africa
	Kenya	Spain
Cambodia		Surinam
Canada	Latvia	Sweden
Central African Republic	Lesotho	Switzerland
Chad	Liberia	
Colombia	Liechtenstein	Tajikistan
Comoros	Lithuania	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Congo	Luxembourg	Timor-Leste
Cook Islands		Trinidad and Tobago
Costa Rica	Madagascar	
Croatia	Malawi	Uganda
Cyprus	Mali	United Kingdom of Britain and Northern Ireland
	Malta	United Republic of Tanzania
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Marshall Islands	Uruguay
Denmark	Mauritius	
Djibouti	Mexico	
Dominica	Mongolia	
Dominican Republic	Montenegro	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Ecuador	Namibia	Zambia
Estonia	Nauru	
	Netherlands	
Fiji	New Zealand	
Finland	Niger	
France	Nigeria	
	Norway	

* As of 18th July 2008, 108 countries are States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Out of them 30 are [African States](#), 14 are [Asian States](#), 16 are from [Eastern Europe](#), 23 are from [Latin America and the Caribbean](#), and 25 are from [Western Europe and other States](#).

ANNEX II

VISAS FOR THE NETHERLANDS

Members of delegations, representatives of international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and the media are responsible for obtaining an appropriate visa entry into the Netherlands if they need one. Visas may be applied for at a diplomatic or consular mission of the Netherlands in the delegates' country of residence, preferably three weeks in advance. Visas will be issued free of charge. Applicants should provide the letter of invitation from the Secretariat of the Assembly. In case of a country where the Netherlands does not have a consular mission, delegates may obtain a visa from the mission of another Schengen country that is responsible for issuing visas on behalf of the Netherlands. The Schengen countries are: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden.

Participants from the following countries **do** have to apply for a visa:

Afghanistan, Albania*, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia**, Bosnia and Herzegovina*, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad*, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cook Islands, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador**, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia**, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jamaica**, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi**, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia, Mongolia, Montenegro*, Morocco**, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan*, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Peru**, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Moldova*, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal*, Serbia*, Senegal*, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand**, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia**, Turkey**, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine*, United Arab Emirates**, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

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Participants from member States of the European Union and Schengen countries as well as the following countries **do not** require a visa for entry into the Netherlands:

Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus*, Czech Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Guatemala, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

* A visa is required of anyone holding a certificate of identity issued by the Government of Cyprus

For visa forms, please visit the following website:

[www.minbuza.nl/en/welcome/comingtoNL_visas x consular services/index.html](http://www.minbuza.nl/en/welcome/comingtoNL_visas_x_consular_services/index.html)

For a list of Dutch consulates, please visit:

<http://www.minbuza.nl/en/home> (click on Missions)

ANNEX III

Public Transport in The Hague

The public transport network (*HTM*) of trams and buses in the Netherlands is divided into zones. The number of zones your trip will cross are indicated on the HTM *lijnenkaart* (bus/tram line map) posted at most stops, or in HTM timetables available at major train stations.

A *strippenkaart* is a ticket that is valid on any bus, tram, or metro throughout the Netherlands (regardless of where you purchase it), and on some trains (for instance, your HTM bus/tram ticket is good on trains between The Hague Central Station and Voorburg Station). To validate the *strippenkaart* for your journey, you must stamp it (or have it stamped by the driver) in the bus or tram. The number of strips you need to stamp for your journey is usually equal to the number of zones your trip will cross, **plus** one strip, for the basic rate. Within the valid time period of your stamped strips, you are entitled to unlimited travel within the zones you are stamped for.