

# Journal

28 October 2016

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**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
- Report of the Oversight Committee on the permanent premises
- Election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance

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

### **Meeting of the Credentials Committee<sup>1</sup>**

12:30 – 13:00.....Europe 1&2

### **Second plenary meeting**

- General debate

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

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<sup>1</sup> Immediately following the adjournment of the plenary.

**Thursday, 17 November 2016****Third plenary meeting****- General debate<sup>2</sup>**

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****- 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 Amendments**

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

**Reserved**

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

**Reserved**

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

**Saturday, 19 November 2016****Working Group on the budget**

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

**Reserved**

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

**Reserved**

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

**Reserved**

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

<sup>2</sup> The debate may also take place during the lunch break and in the evening.

**Monday, 21 November 2016****Working Group on Amendments**

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

**Reserved**

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

**Reserved**

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

**Reserved**

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

**Tuesday, 22 November 2016****Seventh plenary meeting****- Progress report by the Coordinators**

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

**Reserved**

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

**Reserved**

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

**Reserved**

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

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

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

**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

**Eighth 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

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## Other forthcoming meetings

### Tuesday, 15 November 2016

**Bureau meeting**

15:00 – 18:00.....ICC, Conference room 1 &2

### Wednesday, 16 November 2016

**EU coordination meeting**

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

**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

**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 Plaza<sup>3</sup>

### Thursday, 17 November 2016

**EU coordination meeting**

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

### Friday, 18 November 2016

**EU coordination meeting**

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

**Roundtable on thematic developments and boundaries in core international crimes practice (co-hosted by Norway and Case Matrix Network)**

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

<sup>3</sup> Van Stolkweg 1, 2585 JL The Hague

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

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2

**Modern day slavery (co-hosted by Liechtenstein, the Freedom Foundation 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 France, the Netherlands and the Institute for Security Studies)**

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

**Reception in honor 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))**

19:00 – 21:00.....Restaurant Gember<sup>4</sup>

**Saturday, 19 November 2016**

**EU coordination meeting**

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

**Accountability options for Syria (hosted by Liechtenstein)**

13:00 – 15:00.....Europe 1&2

**“Crimes against Children: the ICC as 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

**Justice in Kenya after the International Criminal Court (co-hosted by the Open Society Justice Initiative)**

13:00 – 15:00.....Antarctica

**Monday, 21 November 2016**

**EU 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 and the Republic of Korea)**

13:30 – 15:00.....Oceania 2

<sup>4</sup> Stadhouderslaan 43, 2517 HV The Hague

**“The Human Rights Issues in North Korea” (co-hosted by the Republic of Korea and Geoffrey Nice Foundation)**

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

**Strengthening ICC Cooperation through Legislation: the Cooperation and Judicial Assistance Database (co-hosted by Norway and Case Matrix Network)**

13:00 – 15:00.....Everest 1&amp;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

**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&amp;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 Hotel<sup>5</sup>**Tuesday, 22 November 2016****EU 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&amp;2

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

13:30 – 15:00.....Oceania 2

**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&amp;2

**Wednesday, 23 November 2016****EU coordination meeting**

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

<sup>5</sup> Johan de Wittlaan 30, 2517 JR The Hague

**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, United Kingdom and the ICC Bar Association)**

13:30 – 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

### Thursday, 24 November 2016

**EU coordination meeting**

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

**Complementarity in Central and West-Africa (co-hosted by France, Senegal and Amnesty International)<sup>6</sup>**

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

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<sup>6</sup> In French

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