

Journal

2 December 2019

**INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES
THE HAGUE, 2 – 7 DECEMBER 2019**

Forthcoming official meetings¹

Tuesday, 3 December 2019

Informal consultations on draft resolution “Review of the International Criminal Court and the Rome Statute system”²

08:30 – 10:00..... Oceania

Third plenary meeting

- General debate

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

Fourth plenary meeting

- General debate

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

Informal consultations on the budget³

17:00 – 18:00.....Oceania 2

Wednesday, 4 December 2019

Fifth 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

- Statement by the Chairperson of the Audit Committee

- Statement by the External Auditor

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

¹ Unless otherwise specified, the meetings are open to States Parties, non-States Parties (Observer States and invited States), the Court, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other observers and participants as defined in rules 92 and 93 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties.

² Closed meeting: Open only to States Parties.

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Sixth plenary meeting**-Review of the Court⁴**

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

Informal consultations on the omnibus resolution

15:00 – 16:30..... Europe 1&2

Reserved

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

Thursday, 5 December 2019**Seventh plenary meeting****- Cooperation⁵**

10:00 – 12:00.....King Willem Alexander

Reserved

12:00 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

Informal consultations on the omnibus resolution

15:00 – 16:30..... Europe 1&2

Reserved

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

Friday, 6 December 2019**Eighth plenary meeting****- Progress report by the Coordinators****- Introduction of draft resolutions**

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

Reserved

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

Reserved

⁴ The plenary meeting will be dedicated to the topic “Review of the Court”. A speakers’ list has been opened and States and other stakeholders wishing to speak should request inscription on the list as soon as possible at: ASPplenary@gmail.com. Participants are kindly requested to deliver statements of no more than three minutes.

⁵ The plenary session on cooperation is titled “Inter-State and Inter-Institutional cooperation at the heart of cooperation challenges”. The panel discussion will be divided into two segments. A speakers’ list will be opened and States and other stakeholders wishing to intervene in the discussions should request inscription on the list as soon as possible at: iccaspcooperation@gmail.com. Participants are kindly requested to deliver statements of no more than three minutes. You can also find the programme and concept note at: https://asp.icc-cpi.int/EN_Menus/asp/sessions/documentation/18th%20session/pages/asp-18-panel-discussions.aspx.

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

Reserved

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

Saturday, 7 December 2019

Ninth plenary meeting

- Adoption of resolutions

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

Reserved

10:30 – 12:30.....King Willem Alexander

Meeting of the Credentials Committee⁶

12:30 – 13:00.....Oceania 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

⁶ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the Credentials Committee.

Other forthcoming meetings

Tuesday, 3 December 2019

The prosecution of economic and financial crimes: towards an extension of the ICC's jurisdiction (hosted by Association Française pour la promotion de la compétence universelle (AFPCU))

08:00 – 10:00.....Antarctica

Strengthening the ICC while Upholding its Independence and Safeguarding the Integrity of the Rome Statute (co-hosted by Costa Rica, Estonia, Liechtenstein, Sierra Leone, Spain and Human Rights Watch)

08:30 – 10:00.....Everest 1&2

European Union coordination meeting⁷

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

Draft Convention on Crimes against Humanity (hosted by Germany)

09:00 – 10:00.....Europe 1&2

Visit to the permanent premises⁸

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

Towards a Convention on International Cooperation in the Investigation and Prosecution of the Crime of Genocide, Crimes against Humanity and War Crimes (co-hosted by Argentina, Belgium, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Senegal and Slovenia)

13:15 – 14:45.....Europe 1&2

Realizing the Promise of Complementarity in Uganda: Challenges and Opportunities in delivering justice to victims (co-hosted by Uganda, the United Kingdom and Justice Rapid Response (JRR))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania

It's about time - revisiting the timing and duration of decision-making at the ICC (co-hosted by Austria, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom and Wayamo Foundation)

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania 2

Realizing Expeditious Criminal Proceedings (co-hosted by Italy and Japan)

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2

Fortalecer la CPI y el sistema del Estatuto de Roma: Perspectivas de Latinoamérica y el Caribe (co-hosted by Uruguay and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC))

13:00 – 15:00.....Africa

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⁸ 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. Lunch will not be provided however a simple lunch can be purchased at the visitor's restaurant.

ISIS prosecutions: putting Iraqi and Syrian victims' rights first (co-hosted by the Impunity Watch, PAX & the Violations Documentation Centre)

13:00 – 15:00.....Antarctica

Alternative Values, Alternative Facts: Media Manipulation and Disinformation in Duterte's Philippine Drug War (hosted by StoptheDrugWar.org)

18:00 – 20:00.....Antarctica

Raising the Bar: Improving the Nomination and Election of Judges to the International Criminal Court (co-hosted by Czech Republic, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Uruguay and the Open Society for Justice Initiative (OSJI))

18:15 – 19:45.....Europe 1&2

The book launch: « La défense devant les juridictions pénales internationales » (hosted by the Democratic Republic of the Congo)

18:15 – 19:45.....Oceania

Technology and 21st Century Fact-Finding: Setting & Standardizing Processes for International Criminal Investigations (co-hosted by Liechtenstein, Berkeley Human Rights Center and Global Rights Compliance)

18:15 – 19:45.....Oceania 2

State Cooperation and Respect for Human Rights - Finding Solutions in Cases of (interim) Release (co-hosted by the Netherlands and the International Bar Association (IBA))

18:15 – 19:45.....Everest 1&2

Towards Ethical and Equitable Engagement: Formalising a mutual guided relationship between the Court and intermediaries (co-hosted by the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and Lawyers for Justice in Libya)

18:15 – 19:45.....Africa

Wednesday, 4 December 2019**Genocide victims in Iraq and the Middle East testify (hosted by the Kurdish national Coalition for the ICC)**

08:00 – 10:00.....Antarctica

Bureau meeting⁹

08:30 – 09:30.....Oceania

European Union coordination meeting¹⁰

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

Latin American and the Caribbean countries meeting (GRULAC)¹¹

09:00 – 10:00..... Everest 1&2

⁹ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the Bureau.¹⁰ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the group.¹¹ Closed meeting: Open only to States Parties of the regional group.

Pursuing Universality of the Rome Statute in an Evolving International Context: Persistent Challenges, New Dimensions, and Adaptive Strategies (co-hosted by the Netherlands, Republic of Korea and the Parliamentarians for Global Action)

13:00 – 15:00.....Kilimanjaro 1&2

Head of State Immunities (co-hosted by Germany and the International Nuremberg Principles Academy)

13:15 – 14:45.....Europe 1&2

The value of a harm-based, victim-centered approach to reparative justice (hosted by the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (BDFV))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania

The Politics of Peace: How the ICC Intervention Impacts Accountability in Countries that Fail to Provide Justice to Victims (co-hosted by Norway, Justice International and the Transitional Justice Coordination Group (TJCG))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania 2

Protection and Participation of Victims in the ICC System (co-hosted by Chile and Italy)

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2

Colombia: the role of the ICC in the context of an unfinished transition (co-hosted by Avocats Sans Frontieres - Canada, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), Comisión Colombiana de Juristas, Colectivo de Abogados José Alvear Restrepo, Sisma Mujer, Colombia Diversa, Corporación Humanas)

13:15 – 14:45.....Africa

European States & Civil Society: Strengthening the ICC and Rome Statute system (co-hosted by Finland and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC))

13:15 – 14:45.....Antarctica

The War Crime of Starvation of Civilians as a Method of Warfare in Non-International Armed Conflicts (co-hosted by the Netherlands, Switzerland and Global Rights Compliance)

18:15 – 19:45.....Europe1&2

Rights of Indigent Detainees to Family Visits: A Conversation on the ICC Trust Fund for Family Visits (co-hosted by the Netherlands and the ICC Registry)

18:15 – 19:45.....Oceania

Guinea: A decade Later, victims of 2009 massacre are still denied justice (co-hosted by Association des victimes, parents et amis du 28 septembre 2009 (AVIPA), International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Même droits pour tous (MDT) and Organisation guinéenne de défense des droits de l'Homme et du citoyen (OGDH))

18:00 – 20:00.....Africa

Justice for survivors of South Sudan's conflict (co-hosted by Amnesty International and Legal Action Worldwide)

18:00 – 20:00.....Antarctica

Thursday, 5 December 2019

Seizing Illicit Assets for Reparations: Challenges and Opportunities (co-hosted by France, Uruguay and REDRESS)

08:30 – 10:00.....Europe 1&2

**Strengthening the role of the International Criminal Court in the Asia-Pacific region
A discussion among Civil Society, States, and the ICC (hosted by the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC))**

08:30 – 10:00.....Antarctica

European Union coordination meeting¹²

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

Visit to the permanent premises¹³

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

Lancement de la seconde édition de l'ouvrage: «Statut de Rome de la Cour pénale internationale, commentaire article par article en français» (hosted by France)

13:15 – 14:45.....Europe 1&2

Panel d'échanges sur l'éthique dans les enquêtes sur les crimes relevant de la compétence de la Cour pénale internationale (co-hosted by the Netherlands and the National Commission for Human Rights of the Democratic Republic of Congo (CNDH))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania

Accountability for International Crimes Committed against Ethnic Minorities in Myanmar: Discussing Complementary Avenues for Justice (co-hosted by Canada, Liechtenstein, the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights, the Global Justice Center, the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, the Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice)

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania 2

Justice for Victims of Rights Violations and Sexual Violence in The Gambia (co-hosted by the Netherlands, Uganda, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA), La Fondation pour l'Égalité des Chances en Afrique and the Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice (WIGJ))

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2

Is a picture worth a conviction? The impact of audiovisual evidence in the prosecution of international crimes – a success story from the Democratic Republic of Congo (co-hosted by eyeWitness to Atrocities, TRIAL International and WITNESS)

13:00 – 15:00.....Africa

Accountability for Grave Crimes: the ICC and Complementarity Options for Ukraine (co-hosted by Human Rights Watch, International Renaissance Foundation and the Ukrainian Legal Advisory Group (ULAG))

13:00 – 15:00.....Antarctica

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What are the Prospects of Bringing Omar Bashir to Justice? (co-hosted by Human Rights Watch, Journalists for Justice, Kenya Human Rights Commission and The Kenyan Section of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ Kenya))

18:00 – 20:00.....Africa

Impunidad y deudas históricas de acceso a la justicia para mujeres y personas LGBT víctimas de violencia sexual y persecución (co-hosted by Corporación Humanas (Colombia), Sisma Mujer (Colombia), Colombia Diversa (Colombia), MUSONET (Malí))

18:00 – 20:00.....Antarctica

Rights of Detainees before the International Criminal Court (co-hosted by France, Senegal and the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA))

18:15 – 19:45.....Europe 1&2

Reception by the Trust Fund for Victims (hosted by the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (BDTFV))

18:15 – 20:00.....Oceania Lounge

Friday, 6 December 2019

Enhancing Prosecution: A Crucial Factor in Cooperation for Core International Crimes (co-hosted by Australia, Sweden, the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) and the International Nuremberg Principles Academy)

08:30 – 10:00.....Europe 1&2

European Union coordination meeting¹⁴

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

Launch of the ICC Office of the Prosecutor’s report on Preliminary Examination Activities 2019 (co-hosted by Bulgaria, Finland, Niger, Senegal, Slovenia, Tunisia, Uruguay and the ICC Office of the Prosecutor (OTP))

13:15 – 14:45.....Europe 1&2

Turning challenges into opportunities: Rethinking UN and civil society cooperation towards accountability in Myanmar and Syria (co-hosted by the Netherlands, Switzerland, Human Rights Watch, the Independent Investigative Mechanism (Myanmar) and International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism (Syria))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania

Establishing Reparative Justice for Victims of International Crime (co-hosted by Ireland and the Institute for Security Studies (ISS))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania 2

In the Aftermath of ISIL: Community Hearings for Gender-Based Violence Survivors and their Communities in Iraq (co-hosted by Canada and MADRE)

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2

¹⁴ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the group.

Paths to Justice and Accountability for Venezuela: Ongoing Initiatives by the International Community (co-hosted by the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, Defiende Venezuela and Un Mundo Sin Mordaza)

13:15 – 14:45.....Africa

11 Years After the August War: Uninterrupted Story of Impunity (co-hosted by the United Kingdom, Georgian Coalition for the International Criminal Court (GCICC) and Justice International)

13:00 – 15:00.....Antarctica

Reception on the occasion of the eighteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties (co-hosted by the City of The Hague and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC))¹⁵

19:00 – 21:00.....Restaurant Gember¹⁶

Saturday, 7 December 2019

Bureau meeting¹⁷

08:30 – 09:30.....Oceania

European Union coordination meeting¹⁸

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

Exhibits

Bringing justice home: from the ICC to the victims in Palestine (co-hosted by the State of Palestine and Al-Haq)

2 to 7 December.....The west hallway to the World Forum Theatre¹⁹

¹⁵ By invitation only.

¹⁶ Stadhouderslaan 43, 2517 HV The Hague.

¹⁷ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the Bureau.

¹⁸ Closed meeting: Open only to members of the group.

¹⁹ Opposite conference room Europe 1&2.

Announcements

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The payment at the restaurant and food counters (World Café and Oceania Lounge) can only be made by card (debit and credit). They do not accept cash.

Guidelines for the preparation and conduct of sessions of the Assembly

The Guidelines adopted by the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties on 15 November 2018 regarding side events, general debate and documents can be found on the website of the Assembly at the following link:

https://asp.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/asp_docs/ASP17/Guidelines%20preparation%20and%20conduct%20of%20ASP%2029Nov2018.1200.pdf.

Prepared statements

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 20 copies for minimum distribution to the podium and relevant services, and 250 additional copies for general distribution in the King Willem Alexander Hall.

Delegations are also invited to send by e-mail an electronic copy of their statement(s), in one or more of the four official languages, to ensure timely posting of the text on the Assembly website and as a step to reducing paper usage. Statements should be sent to: asp@icc-cpi.int.

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Please kindly note that the Secretariat does not send invitations to side events. The invitations should be sent by organizers for their respective side event.

The participation in side-events taking place within the secure area of the Assembly will be restricted to those who receive accreditation.

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Handbook

For further information regarding the session please refer to the Handbook for Participants: https://asp.icc-cpi.int/EN_Menus/asp/sessions/documentation/18th%20session/pages/default.aspx.

Other announcements

We would like to request side event organizers to keep 15 minutes between (side) events so that the World Forum can clean and tidy up the room before the next scheduled event.

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