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The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court presents its compliments to Observer States and has the honour to refer to the 17 June 2026 decision of the Bureau to convene a special session of the Assembly on disciplinary proceedings involving an elected official on 24 July 2026 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Secretariat wishes to highlight that, on 17 June 2026, the Bureau decided to recommend to the Assembly that the special session be held in private, pursuant to rule 42, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, in light of the exceptional circumstance of disciplinary proceedings involving an elected official. Therefore, it is anticipated that the special session will be open only to States Parties. The decisions taken at the special session shall be announced during the closing plenary meeting on 24 July 2026.

Nonetheless, should Observer State representatives wish to attend the public parts of the special session, which are anticipated to be brief open and closing plenary meetings only, a communication containing the name of the representative of the Observer State to the special session, as well as the names of any alternates and advisers, should be sent by 23 July 2026 to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties, Room A.00.49, Oude Waalsdorperweg 10, 2597 AK, The Hague, the Netherlands. Any copies may be sent via e-mail to asp@icc-cpi.int. As of 24 July 2026, all communications should be delivered directly to the Secretariat of the Assembly in New York.

The Secretariat wishes to note that a United Nations grounds pass is required for access to United Nations premises during the special session. Members of official delegations not holding a valid United Nations ground pass are advised to make the necessary arrangements through their permanent missions in New York.

The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Observer States the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 26 June 2026

