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Special session of the Assembly of States Parties on disciplinary proceedings involving an elected official: Guidelines for the media access

The Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (“the Assembly”) will hold its special session on disciplinary proceedings involving an elected official at United Nations Headquarters in New York, on 24 July 2026. On 17 June 2026, the Bureau of the Assembly 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, in light of the exceptional circumstance of disciplinary proceedings involving an elected official, which are confidential. It is thus anticipated that the special session will be open only to States Parties, except for the open segments of the opening and closing plenary meetings. The decisions taken at the special session shall be announced during the closing plenary meeting on 24 July 2026.

Journalists wishing to cover the session must submit an official letter of assignment or a copy of their press card via e-mail to asp@icc-cpi.int.

The application period for accreditation starts on Wednesday, 15 July and closes on Thursday, 23 July 2026 at 17:00 EST.

Media representatives are advised to consult the website of the United Nations Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (MALU) in advance of the session in order to apply for the required media accreditation at the United Nations Headquarters. No admittance will be allowed to open segments of the opening and closing plenary meetings without prior accreditation. Journalists already accredited with the United Nations do not need to submit a letter of assignment or a copy of their press card, but are requested to confirm their participation via e-mail to asp@icc-cpi.int.

Accredited correspondents are permitted access to open meetings in designated areas (press gallery) within Conference Room 1.

Photo/video correspondents interested in taking photographs and/or filming inside Conference Room 1, where the Assembly is holding its session, can cover the open segments of the meetings from the designated media booths with MALU escort.

Audio/video recordings are permitted only during the open segments of the meetings of the Assembly.

Further information about the special session can be found on the Assembly [website](#).

N.B.: The Assembly of States Parties does not deal with visa issues. Members of the media are responsible for obtaining an appropriate visa to travel into the United States of America, if needed. Visas may be obtained from a diplomatic or consular mission of the United States of America in the country of residence.

For additional information please contact the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute via email at asp@icc-cpi.int.