

Journal

9 November 2018

**INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES
THE HAGUE, 5 – 12 DECEMBER 2018**

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 5 December 2018

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
 - Election of five members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims
 - Election of the members of the Advisory Committee on nominations of judges
 - Election of a Bureau member
- 10:00 – 13:00.....King Willem Alexander

Meeting of the Credentials Committee¹

12:30 – 13:00.....Europe 1&2

Second plenary meeting

- General debate
- 15:00 – 18:00.....King Willem Alexander

¹ Immediately following the adjournment of the plenary.

Thursday, 6 December 2018**Third plenary meeting****- General debate**

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

Fourth plenary meeting**- General debate**

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

Fourth plenary meeting [continuation] (*tentative*)**- General debate**

18:30 – 20:00.....King Willem Alexander

Friday, 7 December 2018**Fifth plenary meeting****-Cooperation (including pledging ceremony on voluntary agreements)**

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

Sixth plenary meeting**-Twentieth anniversary**

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

Informal consultations on the omnibus resolution

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

Saturday, 8 December 2018**Reserved**

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

Reserved

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

Reserved

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

Monday, 10 December 2018**Seventh 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 the budget

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

Informal consultations on the omnibus resolution

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

Reserved

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

Tuesday, 11 December 2018**Eighth plenary meeting**

- Achievements and challenges regarding victims' participation and legal representation after 20 years of the adoption of Rome Statute

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

Wednesday, 12 December 2018**Reserved**

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

Reserved

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

11:30 – 12:30.....King Willem Alexander

Meeting of the Credentials Committee

12:30 – 13:00.....Europe 1&2

Ninth 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, 4 December 2018

Bureau meeting

14:00 – 15:30.....Oceania

High-level event to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Rome Statute (organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands)²

16:00.....Peace Palace

Wednesday, 5 December 2018

European Union coordination meeting

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

“The Initiative for a New Multilateral Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition for Domestic Prosecution of the Most Serious International Crimes” (co-hosted by Argentina, Belgium, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Senegal and Slovenia)

13:15 – 14:45.....Europe 1&2

“Lessons learned, fairness & access to justice in hybrid tribunals and specialized chambers” (co-hosted by Australia, Liechtenstein, Romania, International Bar Association (IBA) and International Centre for Transitional Justice (ICTJ))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania

“Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Rome Statute” (co-hosted by the Netherlands, Uganda and Africa Legal Aid)

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania 2

“Investigating and Prosecuting for Sexual and Gender Based Crimes at the ICC and Beyond” (co-hosted by Canada and the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH))

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2

Launch ICC Exhibit “Trauma, Healing and Hope”

18:15 – 18:30.....Main lobby World Forum

Reception hosted by H.E. O-Gon Kwon, the President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute on the occasion of the seventeenth session of the Assembly³

18:30 – 20:30.....Amazon Hall

² All States are invited to this event.

³ By invitation only.

Thursday, 6 December 2018

European Union coordination meeting

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

“The ICC’s Jurisdiction Over the Crime of Aggression” (hosted by Liechtenstein)

08:30 – 09:45.....Europe 1&2

“Supporting reparative justice for victims in the Rome Statute system: what States Parties can do (more)” (co-hosted by Ireland, Uganda and the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV))

13:15 – 14:45.....Europe 1&2

“Investigating International Crimes at the National Level: Realizing the Promise of Complementarity in the Gambia & the Case for Specialized Expertise” (co-hosted by Canada, the Netherlands and the Justice Rapid Response (JRR))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania

“Challenges and opportunities for the Universality of the Rome Statute system” (co-hosted by the Netherlands and Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania 2

“Victims’ Participation in ICC Proceedings: Examining the Role of Counsel” (co-hosted by Chile, the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa, Trust Africa and Victim’s Support Initiative)

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2

Reception by the Trust Fund for Victims (co-hosted by Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Japan, Mali, the United Kingdom, Uruguay and the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV))

18:15 – 20:00.....Oceania Lounge

Friday, 7 December 2018

Victim’s right to be heard: How to strengthen victim participation in the Arab World (hosted by Lawyers for justice Libya)

08:00 – 10:00.....Antarctica

“Challenges and Progress in Preliminary Examinations” (co-hosted by Norway and Center for International Law Research and Policy (CILRAP), Leiden University)

08:30 – 09:45.....Europe 1&2

“Cooperation with the ICC: What the ASP and UNSC must do” (co-hosted by Ireland and Institute for Security Studies (ISS))

08:30 – 09:45.....Everest 1&2

European Union coordination meeting

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

So, what now? Creative responses for International Criminal Justice in Africa (co-hosted by Finland, Germany, Switzerland and Wayamo Foundation/Africa Group for Justice and Accountability (AGJA))

13:00 – 15:00.....Kilimanjaro 1 & 2

Presentation of a video documentary, “The Prosecutors” - Film excerpt screening on prosecution of sexual violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo (co-hosted by Chile and Norway)

13:15 – 14:45.....King Willem Alexander

“Justice for Syria: Universal jurisdiction as a main emerging tool to complement the International Criminal Court” (co-hosted by Liechtenstein and European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania 2

“Complementarity in Action: Bringing Yahya Jammeh to Justice in Ghana” (co-hosted by Australia, the Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom and Africa Legal Aid)

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2

Visit to the permanent premises⁴

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

Listening to victims from Afghanistan - Views of Afghan society on the ICC and the peace process (hosted by the Transitional Justice Coordination Group – Afghanistan)

13:15 – 14:45.....Yangtze

La Complémentarité en pratique: La Jurisprudence Congolaise relative aux crimes internationaux (hosted by CAD DRC)

13:00 – 15:00.....Africa

The case for survivor-centered justice: Policy issues and challenges (hosted by the Institute for Justice and Accountability)

18:00 – 20:00.....Antarctica

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

18:30.....Restaurant Gember⁵

⁴ 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.

⁵ Stadhouderslaan 43, 2517 HV The Hague.

Saturday, 8 December 2018

European Union coordination meeting

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

“10 Years After the War: Victims of the Georgia Situation” (co-hosted by Georgia, the Netherlands, and Justice International)

13:15 – 14:45.....Africa

”Commemorating 20 years of the ICC in Africa through cartoons” (co-hosted by the United Kingdom and Journalist for Justice)

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

Monday, 10 December 2018

European Union coordination meeting

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

“International Nuremberg Principles Academy: Islam and International Criminal Law and Justice” (co-hosted by Germany and International Nuremberg Principles Academy)

13:15 – 14:45.....Europe 1&2

“Launch of the ICC Office of the Prosecutor’s report on Preliminary Examination Activities 2018” (co-hosted by Bulgaria, Niger, Norway, Senegal, Slovenia, Tunisia, Uruguay, and the ICC Office of the Prosecutor (OTP))

13:30 – 14:45.....Oceania

“Defining sexual violence, what makes sexual violence ‘sexual?’” (co-hosted by Australia, the United Kingdom and Women’s Initiatives for Gender Justice)

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania 2

“Towards accountability for the war crime of starvation in internal armed conflict” (co-hosted by Switzerland and the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law & Armed Conflict)

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2

Global Civil Society and European States: Advancing international justice in the 20 years to come (co-hosted by Austria as Presidency of the Council of the European Union and Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC))

13:15 – 14:45.....Antarctica

Reception - Memory Boxes exhibition: Making Afghan victims’ memories and stories matter (hosted by the Transitional Justice Coordination Group – Afghanistan)

18:00 – 20:00..... World Café

Ratification of the Rome Statute as an important step to combating impunity for grave crimes in Ukraine (hosted by Ukrainian Legal Advisory Group)

18:00 – 20:00.....Antarctica

Film screening: Peace Through Justice - The Legacy of Thomas Buergenthal (hosted by International Nuremberg Principles Academy)⁶19:00.....Omniversum⁷**Tuesday, 11 December 2018****European Union coordination meeting**

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

"Realizing Victims' Right to Reparation at the International Criminal Court" (co-hosted by Chile, Finland, Switzerland, Redress and Trust Fund for Victims (TFV))

13:15 – 14:45.....Europe 1&2

"Déclaration de Paris sur l'efficacité de la justice pénale internationale" (hosted by France)

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania

"Victims at the Heart of Justice: Reflections on Victims' Participation at the ICC" (co-hosted by the United Kingdom and the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH))

13:15 – 14:45.....Oceania 2

The role of ICCBA in supporting and enhancing complementarity (co-hosted by France, Senegal and the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA))

13:15 – 14:45.....Everest 1&2

Visit to the permanent premises⁸

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

Nigeria and the ICC: Addressing (Non) - Accountability (hosted by Amnesty International)

13:00 – 15:00.....Antarctica

Advancing Reparative Justice: Instructive Frameworks and Processes (hosted by the Institute for Security Studies (ISS))

18:00 – 20:00.....Antarctica

Wednesday, 12 December 2018**European Union coordination meeting**

09:00 – 10:00.....Oceania 2

"Victim Participation in the Transitional Justice Contexts" (co-hosted by the Netherlands, Avocats Sans Frontières, Impunity Watch and Redress)

13:15 – 14:45.....Europe 1&2

⁶ Free of charge. Registration required at the following link:<https://www.nurembergacademy.org/events/film-screening-peace-through-justice-in-the-hague/>⁷ President Kennedylaan 5, 2517 JK The Hague.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.

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https://asp.icc-cpi.int/EN_Menus/asp/sessions/documentation/17th-session/pages/default.aspx

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Handbook

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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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