

Reference: ICC-ASP/19/S/61

Further to the invitation contained in note verbale ICC-ASP/19/S/02, dated 13 January 2020, the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties presents its compliments to States and has the honour to refer to the decision of the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court dated 1 and 23 October 2020, to hold its nineteenth session in The Hague, and a resumed session at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, respectively.

The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties has the honour to inform of the convening of the nineteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties at the World Forum Convention Center in The Hague, from 14 to 16 December 2020 and to the resumed session at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 17 to 23 December 2020 as well as to invite States Parties to the Statute to participate in the nineteenth session and its resumption.

Credentials of representatives, and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, for both the nineteenth session and the resumed session should be submitted by 11 December 2020 to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties, International Criminal Court, Room A.00.49, Oude Waalsdorperweg 10, 2597 AK The Hague, the Netherlands. From 14 December 2020, credentials should be submitted directly to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties at the session, if possible, not later than 24 hours after the commencement of the session.

The Secretariat also has the honour to invite other States which have signed the Statute or the Final Act to participate in the nineteenth session as observers.

Furthermore, the Secretariat wishes to note that under rule 94 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, adopted by the Assembly of States Parties on 3 September 2002:

“At the beginning of each session of the Assembly, the President may, subject to the approval of the Assembly, invite a given State which is not a party and does not have observer status to designate a representative to be present during the work of the Assembly. A representative who is so designated may be authorized by the Assembly to make a statement”.

The Hague, 4 November 2020

