

Assemblée des États Parties

International Criminal Court

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The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of ... to the United Nations and, further to its notes verbales ICC-ASP/7/S/09, dated 9 April 2008, and ICC-ASP/7/SP/36, dated 7 October 2008, has the honour to request that the credentials for the first and second resumptions of the seventh session of the Assembly, to be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 19 to 23 January and from 9 to 13 February 2009, be submitted to the Secretariat, if possible, prior to 9 January 2009. This would facilitate the work of the Credentials Committee and of the Assembly.

The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties wishes to recall that if a representative of a State at the first and second resumptions of the seventh session in New York is different from a representative to the seventh session in The Hague, then a separate set of credentials would be required for the first and second resumptions of the seventh session. If the credentials are identical for the seventh session and the first and second resumptions of the seventh session, there would be no need for additional credentials to be submitted. The Secretariat notes that the absence of credentials may affect the right to vote of the State Party concerned.

The credentials should be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them. Changes to the names of the alternates and advisers should be communicated in writing to the Secretariat of the Assembly by the representative of the State.

Credentials should, preferably, contain the name of the representative of the State, as well as the names of the alternates and advisers, for the first and second resumptions of the seventh session.

Credentials should be sent to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties, Room C 0690, Maanweg 174, 2516 AB, The Hague, The Netherlands. Copies may also be sent via fax to +31-70-381-5476 or via e-mail to asp@asp.icc-cpi.int. As of 12 January 2009, original credentials for the first and second resumptions of the seventh session should no longer be sent to The Hague, but delivered directly to the Secretariat of the Assembly, on 19 January and on 9 February, respectively, in Conference Room E at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties requests that the enclosed registration form be submitted as soon as possible, so as to expedite the compilation of the Lists of Participants to the first and second resumptions of the seventh session.

The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties recalls that a United Nations grounds pass is required for access to United Nations premises during both resumptions of the seventh session. Delegates not holding a valid United Nations grounds pass will have to liaise through their Missions in New York. A letter signed by the Head of Chancery or Administrative Officer containing the names of participants and the completed SG.6 forms, must be sent to the Chief of Protocol of the United Nations. Authorized applications will only be available for collection 48 hours (2 working days) after submission. Permanent missions are requested to deliver them to delegates, for processing at the United Nations Pass and ID office.

Additional information regarding credentials and registration for the first and second resumptions of the seventh session is available in the Handbook for Participants for the seventh session on the Internet website of the Court (http://www.icc-cpi.int).

The Hague, 12 December 2008

Enclosure