



**Cour
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**International
Criminal
Court**

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ICC Rules of Decorum



1. Visitors are reminded that they are entering a court of law and must observe appropriate standards of conduct. Any visitor failing to adhere to these rules or otherwise engaging in inappropriate conduct may be immediately expelled from the premises of the Court and thereafter denied access.
2. No persons under the age of 16 years may enter or be admitted to the public galleries of the Court whilst in session unless previously authorised by the appropriate Judicial Chamber.
3. Visitors attending a hearing will be seated in the public gallery. The Presiding Judge may order the removal of a person from the public galleries in the event of any disruption.
4. Visitors must rise when the Judges enter and exit the Courtroom.
5. If the Chamber decides to go into closed or private session, visitors must remain silent and follow the instructions provided by security officers.
6. Visitors are not permitted to point or gesture at anyone seated in the Courtroom. Do not read newspapers, books or journals while in the public galleries.
7. Talking amongst one another, loud noise and boisterous or abusive conduct or any other activity that may disturb Court sessions or other visitors is forbidden.
8. There is no dress code for visitors, but those attending a hearing are requested to dress suitably. Clothing that is deemed to be provocative potentially disruptive or that displays offensive insignia or images is not permitted.
9. Mobile phones, portable computers, personal digital assistants, cameras and any other audio, visual or information processing or recording equipment are prohibited inside the public galleries. These items should be placed in the lockers made available for this purpose.
10. Audio recording, filming or the taking of photographs is strictly prohibited inside the Court building. Security officers are empowered to confiscate and /or delete unauthorised recordings.
11. Drinking, eating and smoking outside designated areas as well as the use of narcotic substances is prohibited.
12. Visitors are not permitted to leave baggage or personal possessions unattended at any time. Lockers are provided for such purposes. Persons seeking to enter the Court with excessive or unusual baggage may be refused admission. The Court accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any loss, damage to, or theft of, personal possessions belonging to visitors whilst on the premises of the Court.
13. Security officers may at any time call for the evacuation of the Court building. Please follow their instructions exactly.

