

Tenth session of the Assembly of States Parties

Guidelines for the media access

The Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (“the Assembly”) will hold its tenth session at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 12 to 21 December 2011. During the session, the Assembly will, inter alia, elect the new President of the Assembly for the tenth to twelfth sessions, the Prosecutor who shall hold office for a term of up to nine years, six new judges, and six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

All journalists wishing to cover the session and related events must submit an official letter of assignment by fax to +31 (0)70 515 83 76 as well as by e-mail to esterluteran@gmail.com.

The application period for accreditation starts on Tuesday 29 November and closes on Tuesday 20 December 2011 at 17:00 hours EST.

It is advisable to consult the website of the United Nations Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (<http://www.un.org/media/accreditation/liaison.htm>) in advance of the session in order to apply for the required media accreditation at United Nations Headquarters. No admittance will be allowed to any of the scheduled events without prior accreditation. Journalists already accredited with the United Nations do not need to submit the letter of assignment, but are requested to confirm their participation via e-mail to esterluteran@gmail.com (copy aspnewyork@gmail.com).

Film crews interested in filming inside Conference Room 2 of the North Lawn Building where the Assembly is holding its session are kindly reminded that they should always liaise with the focal point from the Secretariat of the Assembly in order to obtain film authorization from the President of the Assembly, after which they would be escorted to the gallery / area reserved for that purpose. Any other requests for filming, particularly on the floor of the conference room where the Assembly is convening its session, should be cleared through the focal point from the Secretariat.

Audio/video recordings are permitted only during plenary meetings of the Assembly, which include elections sessions and general debate. There might be limitations on video/audio recording depending when the actual casting of the ballot will take place during the elections. If that is the case, film crews might be required to move to the part of the conference room from where the confidentiality of the vote would not be compromised.

Further information about the tenth session of the Assembly can be found on the website of the International Criminal Court at:

<http://www.icc-cpi.int/nr/exeres/8e728ec3-5785-4127-83d7-d910d99df603.htm>

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. Visa may be obtained from a diplomatic or consular mission of the United States of America in the country of residence.

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