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ICC Detention Centre

The ICC Detention Centre is located within a Dutch prison complex in Scheveningen - on the outskirts of The Hague. It functions to hold in safe, secure and humane custody those persons detained under the authority of the ICC.



Standard cell © ICC-CPI

The ICC Registrar has overall responsibility for all aspects of management of the Detention Centre, including security and order; and makes all decisions relating thereto, as stipulated in Regulation 90 of the Regulations of the Court. In fulfilling its mandate, the ICC Registrar endeavors to ensure the mental, physical and spiritual welfare of the detained persons within an efficient system of detention, with consideration to their cultural diversity and their development as individuals.

In achieving this aim, the daily programme of the Detention Centre allows the detained

persons access to fresh air, recreational time and sports activities. They have access to library books, news and television.

Detained persons have access to computer facilities to work on their own cases. If needed, detained persons are given the opportunity of computer training. Following the mandate of the ICC, as an e-Court, each detained person has a computer in his/ her cell, which is linked to one specific computer at the Court; only his defence has access to that computer. The Defence can upload case-related material which the detained person can access and make comments on.

Acknowledging the right of a detained person to privacy with his/ her defence; and recognising the importance for him/ her to communicate freely with the consular or diplomatic representative of his/ her country of origin; a detained person is



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entitled to privileged communication with persons falling under those two categories.



Educational facilities © ICC-CPI

This denotes that such communication shall not be monitored by the Detention Centre staff.

In addition, the detained persons are entitled to visits by a minister or spiritual advisor of their religion or belief, for which an area within the Detention Centre is allocated.



Communal area © ICC-CPI

With a view of maintaining family links, as provided for by the Regulations of the Registry, the Registrar gives specific attention to visits by the family and visits by the wife or partner of the detained persons; and may take measures to assist the family in the necessary procedures thereof, if required.

Detained persons are provided with suitably prepared food that satisfies in quality and quantity the standards of dietetics and modern hygiene. Additionally, detained persons are allowed to cook for themselves; they can purchase additional items, listed on the shopping list of the Detention Centre, as available, in order for them to adjust the meals provided to them, according to their taste and cultural requirements.

Pursuant to the agreement between the ICC and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), concluded in 29 March 2006, the ICRC, being the inspecting authority, has unrestricted access to the Detention Centre. Its delegates pay unannounced visits to the Detention Centre, with the purpose of examining the treatment of the detained persons, their living conditions and their physical and psychological conditions, in conformity with widely accepted international standards governing the treatment of persons deprived of liberty.

Detained persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty. If convicted of crimes under the jurisdiction of the ICC, they do not serve their sentences at the ICC Detention Centre as it is not a facility made for the purposes of managing a regime of convicted prisoners; they are transferred to a prison outside of The Netherlands to serve their time, subject to an agreement between the ICC and the State of enforcement.



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