



ICTY Legacy Dialogues

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Closing Ceremony



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I. Introduction

The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) is the first international tribunal of its kind since the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials and has made pioneering contributions to international criminal justice over the past 24 years. It will leave behind a rich legacy not only for the region of the former Yugoslavia but also for other international courts and tribunals, many of which are located in The Hague, the Netherlands.

Throughout the years the Tribunal has benefited from the generous support of many United Nations Member States, including in particular the Host State, the Kingdom of The Netherlands. In 1993 when the ICTY was established, it was a bold experiment in international justice. It is with great pride that we can look back today and say that – despite the numerous challenges – this experiment has been an unexpected success and, in the words of President Agius, the ICTY “*will continue to serve as a reminder of what is possible in the fight against impunity*”.

As the last in a series of events entitled *ICTY Legacy Dialogues*, the official Closing Ceremony promises to be very special and indeed an historic occasion. The ICTY is looking forward to marking this event together with many of its contributors and supporters, as well as other illustrious guests. We are particularly honoured that representatives from countries from the region of the former Yugoslavia will be joining us, and it is our sincere hope that the Tribunal’s legacy will contribute to a lasting peace in the region and continue to inspire the work of other courts and tribunals in this field.

II. Attendees

The Tribunal’s official Closing Ceremony will be a high-level event attended by representatives of States, courts, international and regional organisations, and members of civil society. His Majesty King Willem-Alexander of The Netherlands and United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres will grace us with their presence, along with other special guests. The Tribunal has also invited all former ICTY Judges, Prosecutors, and Registrars, as well as a number of staff members, to attend this historic occasion.

III. The Venue

It is a tremendous honour for the Tribunal that its official Closing Ceremony will be held at the Hall of Knights (Ridderzaal) at the Binnenhof in The Hague, The Netherlands.

These truly exceptional premises have been made available by the Kingdom of The Netherlands and we would like to thank in particular the Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr Halbe Zijlstra, for hosting this significant event in the Hall of Knights.

IV. ICTY Closing Ceremony – PROGRAMME

Master of Ceremonies – Ms Kate Mackintosh, Deputy Registrar, ICTY

12:30-14:00 **Arrival and Seating of Guests**

14:00-14:30 **Arrival of VIPs and Guests of Honour**

Beginning of Ceremony

Moment of Silence for the Victims

Welcome Address

Judge Carmel Agius, President of the ICTY

Welcoming Remarks

H.E. Mr Halbe Zijlstra, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands

H.E. Mme Pauline Krikke, Mayor of the City of The Hague

Keynote Speech

H.E. Mr António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General

Musical Interlude

Address by ICTY Prosecutor: Mr Serge Brammertz, Prosecutor of the ICTY and the MICT

Address by ICTY Registrar: Mr John Hocking, Registrar of the ICTY

Other Addresses

Ms Marie O’Leary, Vice-President of the Association of Defence Counsel Practicing Before International Courts and Tribunals

Judge Theodor Meron, President of the MICT

Tribute to Victims narrated by Ms Mirjana Karanović

Symbolic Act: presented by Judge Carmel Agius, President of the ICTY

End of Ceremony

15:55-16:00 **Exit of Dignitaries**

16:00-17:00 **Reception in the Rolzaal**

V. Practical Information

Entrance

All guests are requested to enter through the Mauritspoort entrance and to proceed to register at the Entrance 11 of the Hall of Knights.

Press is welcomed at Entrance 8A, Visitors Centre, of the Hall of Knights.

Please find detailed map below. A cloakroom is available.

Parking

There is no parking or drop off allowed in the Binnenhof complex accept for Police and protected vehicles. If you would like to park close to the Binnenhof/Hall of Knights the following parkings are suggested:

1. Parking PLEIN, Plein 25, The Hague (direct access to Binnenhof)
2. Parking Museumkwartier, Korte Voorhout 2, The Hague (walk (5minutes) via Korte Vijverberg to the Binnenhof entrance)

