



IRMCT Rules of Decorum



WHEN ENTERING THE IRMCT

- Visitors are requested to bear in mind they are entering a court of law and should behave accordingly. Any visitors engaging in behaviour that is not appropriate may be removed from the premises and future access may be denied.
- All persons entering the Mechanism building are subject to security checks of their person and belongings. No one is permitted access to the building without complying fully with the requirements of the Mechanism's Security Officers.
- There is no strict dress code for visitors and cultural diversity is respected; however, clothes displaying offensive insignia or imagery, or clothes that could be considered potentially disruptive are not permitted. Please dress appropriately for the international diplomatic environment of the United Nations or Security may deny you access.
- Audio recording, filming, or the taking of photographs is strictly prohibited inside the Mechanism. Security officers are empowered to confiscate and /or delete unauthorised recordings.
- Drinking, eating and smoking outside designated areas is prohibited, as is the use of narcotic substances.
- Visitors are not permitted to leave baggage or personal belongings unattended at any time and are requested to use the lockers at the main entrance. Please do not arrive with large items such as suitcases as the Mechanism cannot provide storage for them and anyone in possession of one would therefore be denied entry.
- The Mechanism accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage to, or theft of, personal possessions belonging to visitors whilst on the premises of the Mechanism.

WHEN ENTERING THE PUBLIC GALLERY

- Visitors must be at least 16 years of age to be allowed to enter the public galleries during the proceedings, unless the presiding judge in those proceedings has authorised access to the minor(s).
- Visitors must rise upon the call of the usher when the judges enter and leave the courtroom, and must remain seated at all other times. The presiding judge may order the removal of an individual in the event of any disruption to the proceedings.
- When a hearing turns into a private or closed session, visitors are requested to remain silent and follow the instructions given by the security officers present in the public gallery.
- Visitors should refrain from making gestures or pointing to anyone in the courtroom or public gallery. Reading a newspaper, book or any other printed matter is not allowed in the public gallery. Furthermore, any visitors found sleeping will be requested to leave the public gallery.
- Any activity that could disturb a hearing is forbidden, this includes talking loudly, creating any other loud noise, or any form of abusive conduct.
- Food and drinks and other liquids are prohibited in the public gallery.
- Large bags and backpacks are not permitted in the public gallery and must be placed in the lockers made available for this purpose. Small handbags may be permitted subject to the approval of the IRMCT Security Officers, whose decision in this respect is final.
- Electronic equipment such as mobile phones, portable computers and cameras, or any other audio, visual or information processing or recording equipment are prohibited inside the public gallery. These items should also be placed in the lockers available.

***Security officers may at any time call for the evacuation of the Court building.
Please follow their instructions exactly.***