



MLA Diplomatic Conference
Ljubljana, 15–26 May 2023

DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

for the Adoption of The Convention on International Cooperation in the Investigation and Prosecution of the Crime of
Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, War Crimes and other International Crimes

PROGRAMME OF WORK

15–26 May 2023

Ljubljana, Slovenia

Programme of work - MLA Diplomatic Conference

The Programme of work will be updated regularly. Updated versions will be shared with all participants through the established channels of communication.

Friday 12 May

Pre-registration for missions in Ljubljana.

Sunday 14 May

Arrival of delegations. 16:00 – 18:00 registrations.

Week 1

Monday 15 May

8:00 – 18:00 registrations.

Plenary (Union Hall)	Working group (Glass Hall)	Other Meetings
<p>Participants are requested to be seated by 8:45.</p> <p>9:00 – 11:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formal opening;• Election of the President;• Adoption of the Agenda;• Adoption of the Rules of Procedure;• Election of the Vice-Presidents; Credential Committee, Drafting Committee• Description of the organization of the work of the Conference.• Designation of three Coordinators of Working Groups:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. International Law matters;2. MLA and extradition;3. Central Authorities, Communications and Transfer of sentenced persons.		

11:00 – 13:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General comments on the objectives and importance of the convention by representatives of states, intergovernmental organizations and civil society.¹ 	13:00 – 14:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press Conference. 	
15:00 - 18:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General comments (<i>continued</i>). 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15:00 – 15:30 Meeting of Credentials Committee.
19:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception hosted by Ms Tanja Fajon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia. <i>Grand Hotel Union Eurostars, Grand Foyer, Miklošičeva cesta 1, Ljubljana.</i> 		

Tuesday 16 May

Plenary (Union Hall)	Working group (Glass Hall)	Informal Consultations (tbc)
10:00 – 13:00 <u>Part I</u> General Provisions (scope) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articles 2- 7, 11; Annexes. 	12:00 – 13:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting of the Drafting Committee. 	
15:00 – 18:00 Part II Central Authorities and Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articles 17-19. MLA <u>Part III</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articles 20 – 42. 	15:00 – 18:00 Working Group 1: General Provisions Part I (scope).	

¹ The primary aim of the segment is to share participants' general comments regarding the draft MLA Convention; it is thus meant to be more substantive than the format of a general debate. We kindly invite delegations to limit their statements to 3 minutes. Representatives are requested to provide their statements for distribution to the President, Secretariat and interpreters to mlainitiative.mzz@gov.si. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements to all the participants should communicate this in this email as well.

Wednesday 17 May

Plenary (Union Hall)	Working group (Glass Hall)	Informal Consultations (-)
10:00 – 13:00 General Provisions <u>Part I</u> - Articles 1, 8-10, 12-16.	10:00 – 12:00 Working Group 2: Part II Central Authorities and Communication.	
15:00 – 18:00 MLA <u>Part III</u> (<i>continued</i>) - Articles 20 – 42. <u>Part IV</u> Extradition - Articles 43 – 57.	15:00 – 18:00 Working Group 1: General Provisions Part I (<i>continued</i>).	

Thursday 18 May

Plenary (Union Hall)	Working group (Glass Hall)	Informal Consultations (-)
10:00 – 11:00 Report of Working Group Coordinator on Part II Central Authorities and Communications for approval and referral to Drafting Committee.	10:00 – 11:00 Working Group 1: Final consideration of General Provisions <u>Part I</u> .	
11:00 – 13:00 <u>Part VII</u> Final Provisions - Articles 77-87. <u>Preamble</u> .	11:00 – 13:00 Working Group 3: MLA <u>Part III</u> .	
15:00 – 18:00 <u>Part VII</u> Final Provisions (<i>continued</i>) - Articles 77-87. <u>Preamble</u> (<i>continued</i>).	15:00 – 18:00 Working Group 3: MLA <u>Part III</u> (<i>continued</i>).	
18:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Side Event with the Three Present Candidates for the ICC Judicial Elections in 2023, organised by the Delegations of Mongolia, the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Slovenia. <i>Grand Hotel Union Eurostars, Grand Foyer, Miklošičeva cesta 1, Ljubljana</i> 		

Friday 19 May

Plenary (Union Hall)	Working group (Glass Hall)	Informal Consultations (-)
10:00 – 11:00 Report of Working Group coordinator on <u>Part I</u> General Provisions and Annexes for approval and referral to Drafting Committee. 11:00 – 13:00 <u>Part IV</u> Extradition (<i>continued</i>) - Articles 43 – 57.	10:00 – 11:00 Working Group 3: Final consideration of <u>Part III</u> MLA for referral to Plenary. 11:00 – 13:00 Working Group 1: Final Provisions <u>Part VII</u> and <u>Preamble</u> .	
15:00 – 16:30 <u>Part VI</u> Victims, witnesses and others. - Articles 74 - 75	14:00 – 16:30 Working Group 3: Extradition <u>Part IV</u> .	
16:30 – 18:00 Report of Working group coordinator on <u>Part III</u> (MLA) for approval and referral to Drafting Committee.	16:30 – 18:00 Working Group 1: <u>Part 1</u> General Provisions (<i>continued</i>).	

Saturday 20 May

Plenary (Union Hall)	Working group (Glass Hall)	Other Meetings
10:00 – 13:00 <u>Part V</u> Transfer of Sentenced Persons - Articles 59 – 73.	10:00 – 13:00 Working Group 1: Final consideration of Final Provisions <u>Part VII</u> and Preamble.	10:00 – 10:30 Meeting of the Credentials Committee. ²
15:00 – 16:30 Report of Working group coordinator on <u>Part VII</u> Final Provisions for approval and referral to Drafting Committee.	14:00 – 16:30 Working Group 3: Extradition <u>Part IV</u> (<i>continued</i>).	

² Closed meeting: open only to the members of the Credentials Committee.

	16:30 – 18:00 Working Group 2: <u>Part V</u> Transfer of Sentenced Persons.	16:30 – 18:00 Meeting of the Drafting Committee. ³
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Sunday 21 May
No formal meetings

Week 2

Monday 22 May

Plenary (Union Hall)	Working group (Glass Hall)	Other Meetings
		9:00 - 10:00 Credentials Committee. ⁴ Banquet room
	10:00 - 13:00 Working Group 1: <u>Part VI</u> Victims, witnesses and others and <u>Part I</u> General provisions (continued).	9:00 - 11:00 Working Group 2: <u>Part V</u> Transfer of Sentenced Persons (continued). White Hall 1
		11:00 - 14:00 Working Group 3: <u>Part III</u> MLA and <u>Part IV</u> Extradition (continued). White Hall 1
	14:00 - 16:00 Working Group 1: <u>Part I</u> General provisions (continued).	
16:30 – 18:30 EU Day against Impunity.		
		18:00 - 21:00 Meeting of Drafting Committee. ⁵ White Hall 2

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19:00

- Reception hosted by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Ljubljana, Slovenia.
National Gallery (Narodna galerija), Prešernova cesta 24, Ljubljana.

Tuesday 23 May

Plenary (Union Hall)	Working Group (Glass Hall)	Other Meetings
9:00 – 10:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Credentials Committee oral report.• Report of Drafting Committee.• Report of Working Group 1 on <u>Part VI</u> Victims, witnesses and others.• Report of Working Group 3 on <u>Part III</u> MLA and <u>Part IV</u> Extradition.	10:00 - 13:00 Working Group 1.	10:30 - 13:00 Working Group 2. White Hall 1
	14:00-18:00 Working Group 1.	14:00 - 16:00 Working Group 2. White Hall 1
		16:00 - 18:00 Working Group 3. White Hall 1
		18:00 - 21:00 Meeting of Drafting Committee. ⁶ White Hall 2
19:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception hosted by Mr Marko Štucin, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia. <i>Grand Hotel Union Eurostars, Grand Foyer, Miklošičeva cesta 1, Ljubljana.</i>		

⁶ Closed meeting: open only to the members of the Drafting Committee.

Wednesday 24 May

Plenary (Union Hall)	Working Group (Glass Hall)	Other Meetings
	9:00-11:00 Working Group 1.	
11:00 – 13:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of Working Group 1. Report of Working Group 2. 		
	13:00-15:00 Working Group 1.	
15:00 – 16:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of Drafting Committee. Report of Working Group 3. 		
16:00 – 18:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reserved. 		8:30 - 21:00 Meeting of Drafting Committee. ⁷ White Hall 2

Thursday 25 May

Plenary (Union Hall)	Working Group (Glass Hall)	Other Meetings
10:00 – 11.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of Working Group 1. Report of Drafting Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting of Working group 1* *to start upon adjournment of the plenary. 	
11:00 – 13:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reserved. 		
15:00 – 18.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reserved. 		

⁷ Closed meeting: open only to the members of the Drafting Committee.

19:00

- Reception at the Residence of France in honor of Mr. Nicolas Guillou, French candidate for the post of judge at the International Criminal Court.

Friday 26 May

Plenary (Union Hall)	Working Group (Glass Hall)	Other Meetings
10:00 – 13:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report of Drafting Committee.• Report of Working Group 1.• Article by article consideration of the compilation.		
15.00-17:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of Credentials Committee report.• Article by article consideration of the compilation.		
17.00 – 18.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of the Draft Convention.• Adaption of the final Document of the Conference and closing session.		

Saturday 27 May

Departure of delegations.