

## **OBSERVER SELECTION CRITERIA FOR VIEWING OF MILITARY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS**

The below criteria will be used in evaluating applicant requests to observe military commission proceedings at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO). The same criteria will also be used to evaluate requests for reserved seating at the designated observer location within the United States where the proceedings may be viewed by CCTV transmission. Applicants for seating may include organizations and individuals.<sup>1</sup> Applicants should specify whether they prefer to view the proceedings from GTMO or the CCTV site. A sponsoring organization, if selected, shall designate a single representative to observe the proceedings. If more than one representative of an organization wishes to attend, those additional representatives may, on the day of the hearing, arrive at the CCTV site where additional seats designated for the general public will be provided on a first-come/first-served basis.

In selecting applicants for observer status, the following criteria will be considered:

- **Reach** of the applicant organization or individual (e.g., audience size, readership, subscriptions, circulation, viewers, listeners, website hits, writings, broadcasts, professional standing, diversity of audiences, etc.).
- **Nexus** of the applicant's organizational mission to military commissions, wartime detention or prosecution, international law, and/or human rights. If the applicant is an individual, the nexus of the individual's writings, commentaries, and/or broadcasts on the same topics may be considered.
- Extent to which applicant has provided **longstanding and frequent coverage** of issues relating to military commissions, wartime detention or prosecution, international law, and/or human rights.

Applicants are asked to provide documentation and examples of how the organization or the individual meets the above criteria.

From those applicants seeking to attend military commission proceedings at GTMO, ten applicants will be selected, based upon the above criteria. A limited number of additional applicants will be selected for reserved seating, based upon the above criteria, to view military commission proceedings from a CCTV site within the United States. All observers, including members of the general public, will be subject to the security procedures and rules at the viewing location and to the instructions and orders of the Military Judge.

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<sup>1</sup> News media representatives seeking to cover the proceedings should contact the Department of Defense Office of Public Affairs.