

REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR VIEWING OF MILITARY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

The below criteria will be used in evaluating Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) requests to enter into the Approved Representative Pool to send a Representative to view military commission proceedings at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay (NSGB), Cuba or to the public CCTV site at Fort Meade, Maryland. Individuals who wish to be considered for attendance to multiple or a single proceeding may also request entry into the Approved Representative Pool but must be sponsored by their organization. ¹

In selecting an organization or individual for Representative status and inclusion into the NGO Selection Pool, 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 broadcast on the same topics may be considered.
- **Extent** to which the applicant organization and/or individual has provided **longstanding and frequent coverage** of issues relating to military commissions, wartime detention or prosecution, international law, and/or human rights.

Applicants are required to submit through the Office of Military Commissions (OMC) requesting approval for the Approved Representative Pool and provide appropriate documentation and examples of how the organization or the individual meets the above criteria.

The application and associated materials should be submitted to the NGO Selection Team at the following email address: osd.pentagon.OMC.mbx.convening-authority-ngo@mail.mil

Once received, the submitted package will be reviewed and provided to the decision authority for approval or denial. The organization and/or individual will be informed promptly once a decision has been made. This decision is final and not subject to reconsideration.

Once an organization or individual has been approved for inclusion into the Approved Representative Pool, selection to view a proceeding at NSGB, will be governed by the selection process outlined on the NGO Selection Policy memorandum, dated March 31, 2026, which can be found on the Military Commission website under the Representative Travel Section.

If not selected to travel to NSGB, based upon the NGO Selection Policy, NGOs are still welcome to send their Representative to the Fort Meade, Maryland, CCTV public viewing site.

¹News media representatives seeking to cover the proceedings should contact the Department of War Office of Public Affairs.