**ICJI 1707 Defendant’s Right to Allocution**

The Defendant has the right to personally address you. This is called the “right of allocution.” Allocution is not made under oath and is not subject to cross-examination. The law provides that these statements are something that the defendant is allowed to present to you as mitigation. You may consider these statements in your deliberations.

Comment

This instruction should be given only if the defendant exercises the right of allocution, and it should be given immediately before the defendant does so.