



ROUND-TABLE MEETING OF LEGAL EXPERTS ON THE FORTHCOMING REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE ROME STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (DRAFT)

Jointly organized by the Governments of Malaysia, Japan and the AALCO to be held at The Attorney General's Chambers, Putrajaya, Malaysia, on 30th and 31st March 2010

Objective:

The first Review Conference of the treaty establishing the ICC- the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court is scheduled to take place in Kampala, Uganda from 31 May to 11 June 2010. The Draft Provisional Agenda of the Review Conference includes:

- Consideration of the progress of international criminal justice
- Consideration of proposals for the amendment of Rome Statute:
 - (a) Review of article 124 of the Rome Statute;
 - (b) Proposals for a provision on the crime of aggression
 - (c) Other Proposals

The **objective** of the proposed Round Table Meeting is to enable the AALCO Member States and other ASEAN Member States to deliberate upon the substantive issues before the forthcoming Review Conference.

The **methodology** at the Round Table would be to discuss in-depth the issues to be tabled before the Review Conference. This would enable the Member States participating in the Meeting to coordinate and understand each other's position on the critical issues before the Review Conference. In view of this, the agenda of the Round Table Meeting has been modeled on the basis of the agenda of the Kampala Review Conference. The outcome document expected to be adopted on the concluding-day of the Round-Table would be reflective of the participating States and would be placed before the Review Conference as an AALCO document.

Therefore, in order to promote a vibrant discussion the AALCO Member States and other ASEAN Member States are requested to nominate Legal Experts / Delegates expected to represent their respective Governments at the forthcoming Review Conference to participate in this two-day Round-Table Meeting. The Airfare and the accommodation costs would be borne by the participants themselves.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 30th March 2010

Registration: 8.00 – 9.15 AM

INAUGURAL SESSION: 9.15 AM – 10.15 AM

Welcome Address: Prof. Dr. Rahmat Bin Mohamad, Secretary-General of AALCO

Address: Hon'ble Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail, the Attorney General of Malaysia and the current President of AALCO

Inaugural Address: Hon'ble Ms. Kuniko Ozaki, Judge, International Criminal Court (Subject to confirmation)

Keynote Address: Ambassador Yasuji Ishigaki, Special Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

Tea/Coffee Break (10.15 – 10.30 AM)

Group Photograph

WORKING SESSION- I (MORNING: 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM)

Theme I: Consideration of the Progress in International Criminal Justice

Topics for stocktaking of international criminal justice

(a) Complementarity

(b) Cooperation

(c) The Impact of the Rome Statute system on victims and affected communities

(d) Peace and justice

Opening Remarks by the Chairperson and Moderator of the Working Session

Sharing of Experience by States Parties to the Rome Statute
Japan, Kenya, South Africa and Republic of Korea (Subject to Confirmation)

Comments and Observations by Participants

Lunch Break (1.00 – 2.00 PM)

WORKING SESSION- II (AFTERNOON 2.00 PM – 5.00 PM)

Theme II: Consideration of proposals for amending the Rome Statute: Crime of Aggression

Opening Remarks by the Chairperson and Moderator of the Working Session

Comments and Observations by Participants

Evening (7:30 PM Onwards)

*Cultural Programme and Reception / Dinner hosted by the Government of Malaysia
(Subject to confirmation)*

Wednesday, 31st March 2010

WORKING SESSION - III: (10.00 AM – 12.30 PM)

Theme III: Consideration of proposals for amending the Rome Statute

- (a) Review of Article 124 of the Rome Statute and Other Proposals***
- (b) Criminalizing the act of employing certain weapons (poison, poisonous gas, etc) in internal armed conflicts (Belgian Proposal)***
- (c) Strengthening the enforcement of sentences (Norwegian Proposal)***

Opening Remarks by the Chairperson and Moderator of the Working Session

Comments and Observations by Participants

CONCLUDING SESSION (12.30 PM – 1.00 PM)

Adoption of the Outcome Document of the Round-Table Meeting of Legal Experts

Vote of Thanks by Dr. Yuichi Inouye, Deputy Secretary-General, Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization

Lunch: 1:00 to 2:00 PM