



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

7 August 2009

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the President of the Assembly of States Parties has conveyed to me by a letter, dated 30 June 2009, that the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court has decided to hold the Review Conference in Kampala, Uganda, between 31 May and 11 June 2010, and that a decision on the exact duration of the Conference would be taken at a later stage.

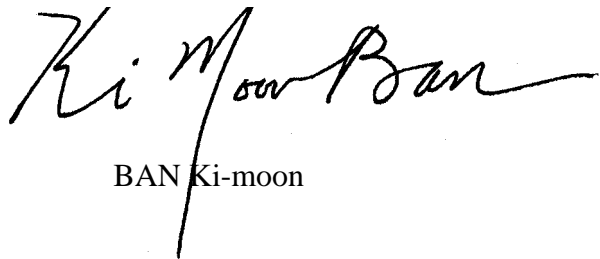
In accordance with article 123, paragraph 1 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, I therefore have the honour to convene the Review Conference to consider any amendments to the Statute between 31 May and 11 June 2010 in Kampala, Uganda, and to invite your Government to attend. The Conference will be open to those participating in the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and on the same conditions.

I further wish to inform you that the Conference will be serviced by the secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties (e-mail: asp@icc-cpi.int), which will in due course provide information regarding the submission of credentials, participation of observers, the provisional agenda, draft rules of procedure and related organizational matters.

The establishment of the International Criminal Court capped the efforts of the international community to enforce the applicability of international humanitarian law, and advance the cause of justice and the rule of law on a universal scale. The United Nations is proud of its relationship with the Court. Our Organization provided crucial assistance and support to United Nations Member States that created the Court, and maintains close relations with the Court under the Relationship Agreement. The Review Conference, therefore, is a timely opportunity for States to take stock of what has been achieved and to reflect on the Court's future course.

I strongly encourage you to attend this important Conference and will make every effort to participate personally.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ban Ki-moon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end. The name "Ban" is written in a larger, more prominent script than "Ki-moon".

BAN Ki-moon