

Resolution ICC-ASP/7/Res.2

Adopted at the 7th plenary meeting, on 21 November 2008, by consensus

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Venue of the Review Conference

The Assembly of States Parties,

Recalling previous resolutions and reports on the Review Conference, and in particular, resolution ICC-ASP/6/Res.8 of 6 June 2008, the report of the Working Group on the Review Conference of the resumed sixth session¹ and the report on the site-visit to Uganda,²

Taking note of the Interim report of the focal point on the review of the Rome Statute,³

Recalling the statement of 5 June 2008 by H.E. Dr. Khiddu Makubuya, Attorney General and Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Uganda, and the statement of 20 November 2008 by H.E. Mr. Fredrick Ruhindi, Deputy Attorney General and Minister of State for Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Uganda, the latter of which contains the confirmation that Uganda is fully committed to its international obligations as a State Party to the Rome Statute, ratification of the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court and expeditious adoption of implementing legislation for the Rome Statute,

Recalling further the provisions about participation in the Review Conference already set out in the Rome Statute and the draft Rules of Procedure for the Review Conference⁴,

Recalling further that the Review Conference shall be open to participation by civil society, including non-governmental organizations and representatives of victims organizations, and that their participation is key to successful outreach for the Court and the Review Conference, thus underlining the need for close cooperation with civil society in the preparations,

1. *Decides* that the Review Conference shall be held in Kampala, Uganda, during the first semester of 2010, for a period of five to ten working days, at dates to be established by the Bureau of the Assembly in close consultation with the Government of Uganda;
2. *Decides* that, in the event that unforeseen developments should arise, which would constitute an unanticipated risk for the achievement of successful outreach or the essential interests of the Court, its operations or the success of the Review Conference, the President of the Assembly will consult with the Government of Uganda, the Court and members of the Bureau of the Assembly and on this basis advise the Bureau accordingly; the Bureau will then, taking first into consideration the already proposed alternative venues, be mandated to take action on the timing, venue and other modalities for the Review Conference on behalf of the Assembly, should the need arise;
3. *Requests* the Government of Uganda to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretariat of the Assembly, through the Court, which ensures that the provisions of the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court are applicable, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Review Conference and which should also contain a time plan for preparatory steps;

¹ ICC-ASP/6/WGRC/1.

² ICC-ASP/6/WGRC/INF.1.

³ ICC-ASP/7/WGRC/INF.1 and Add.1.

⁴ *Official Records of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Sixth session, 30 November - 14 December 2007* (International Criminal Court publication, ICC-ASP/6/20), vol. I, part III, resolution ICC-ASP/6/Res.2, annex IV.

4. *Requests* the Government of Uganda to consult with the Coalition for the International Criminal Court on the provisions regarding visa arrangements and other preconditions for full access of and participation by representatives of civil society, non-governmental organizations, including victims organizations, in the Conference and other events to be held in Uganda, and the planning of side-events in conjunction with the Review Conference, with a view to their inclusion in the Memorandum of Understanding referred to above.
