

Reference: ICC-ASP/12/S/LDC/06

The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of ... to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.6 of the Assembly whereby a Trust Fund was established for the participation of the least developed countries in the activities of the Assembly. The Secretariat further refers to operative paragraph 38 of resolution ICC-ASP/4/Res.4 whereby the Assembly of States Parties decided to make a provisional change to the terms of the Trust Fund to allow other developing States to draw on the Fund so as to enhance the possibility of such States to participate in the activities of the Assembly.

In this connection, the Secretariat recalls that operative paragraph 85 of resolution ICC-ASP/11/Res.8 also called “upon States, international organizations, individuals, corporations and other entities to contribute in a timely manner and voluntarily to the Trust Fund”. Contributions to the Trust Fund may be made directly to the bank account indicated in the annex.

The purpose of the Fund is to, based on need and availability of funds, provide financial assistance to representatives of the least developed countries and other developing states designated by their governments in order to cover the cost of a return air ticket, as well as to provide a daily subsistence allowance. The standard travel shall be economy class, using the most direct and economical route available. The air ticket shall be prepaid by the Court, whereas the daily subsistence allowance shall be reimbursed after the twelfth session.

Governments from least developed countries and other developing States interested in making use of the Trust Fund for the twelfth session of the Assembly, scheduled to be held from 20 to 28 November 2013 in The Hague, may submit an application for one participant to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties, International Criminal Court, Maanweg 174, 2516 AB The Hague, The Netherlands (or also to fax +31 70 515-8376 or via e-mail to asp@icc-cpi.int). The application should reach the Secretariat no later than 4 October 2013 and should contain the full name of the participant, as well as detailed information on how the participant may be contacted (telephone/fax/e-mail).

Enclosure

The Hague, 13 February 2013