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SECRETARIAT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Seventeenth session of the Assembly of States Parties

Plenary session: Rome Statute 20 years - Addressing current and future challenges

Friday, 7 December 2018, 15:00-17:00

Concept note

1. Background

The Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC, hereafter “the Assembly”, meets at least once a year either in The Hague or at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. This year it will be holding its seventeenth session from 5 to 12 December 2018 at the World Forum Convention Center in The Hague.

At its fifteenth session, the Assembly decided to launch the year of commemorations of the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute with a special segment. At its sixteenth session a plenary session was organized in the presence of representatives of all States Parties, non-States Parties (Observer States and invited States), intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations. Throughout 2018, many events were held around the world to commemorate the 20th anniversary. The Assembly also decided to hold a plenary session on the 20th anniversary during its seventeenth session.

The State of Palestine proposed the inclusion of an agenda item that would address the threats directed at the Court. After several consultations, in the spirit of compromise and streamlining the session, this item and the item dedicated to the 20th anniversary were merged to be discussed together. The plenary session will invite reflection on the Rome Statute system’s achievements to date, while also addressing changes and challenges in the international political landscape since 1998 and the role of the Court.

2. Format: Two hours (15:00 to 17:00)

15:00-15:10

The two co-facilitators on cooperation, Ambassador H.E. Mr. Philippe Lalliot (France) and H.E. Mr. Momar Guèye (Senegal) would briefly introduce a 2.5 minute video on the 20th anniversary.

15:10-17:00

There would be one panel discussion under the title:
“Rome Statute 20 years - Addressing current and future challenges”

Through the panel discussion the session will aim to identify a vision of the support, capacity, and adaptation needed for the ICC and the broader Rome Statute system to carry out its mandate effectively in the future. Each panelist will have a 5 to 10 min. intervention.

The panel discussion will be followed by an interactive segment in order to allow for participation from various stakeholders, allowing for broad exchange of views regarding this important topic. Participants are encouraged to pose a question, make recommendation or comment on the points made by the panelists. A list of speakers will be opened prior to the plenary. Speakers are requested to limit their interventions to three minutes. The list of speakers will be structured in the following order: States Parties, Observer and Invited States, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

Requests for inscription on the speakers' list for interventions should be conveyed to the Secretariat by the end of Thursday, 6 December 2018 at ASPlenarypanel@gmail.com. Please kindly provide the name and function of the speaker.

3. Programme

Introductory of a short video by the co-facilitators on cooperation (5 min.)
<i>H.E. Mr. Philippe Lalliot (France), Ambassador to the Netherlands</i>
<i>H.E. Mr. Momar Guèye (Senegal), Ambassador to the Netherlands</i>
Introductory remarks by the moderator (5 min.)
<i>H.E. Mr. Michal Mlynár (Slovakia), ASP Vice-President Permanent Representative to the United Nations</i>
Remarks by the ICC Prosecutor (5-7 min.)
<i>Ms. Fatou Bensouda</i>
Panel (60 min.)
<i>H.E. Mr. Sergio Ugalde (Costa Rica), Ambassador to the Netherlands</i>
<i>H.E. Ms. Brândușa-Ioana Predescu (Romania), Ambassador to the Netherlands</i>
<i>H.E. Ms. Namira Negm, Legal Counsel, African Union</i>
<i>H.E. Ms. María Teresa Infante Caffi (Chile), Ambassador to the Netherlands</i>
<i>Mr. John Dugard, Professor</i>
<i>Mr. Bill Pace, Convenor, CICC</i>
Interactive segment (40 min.)
<i>Interventions by States and other stakeholders</i>
Concluding remarks by the moderator (2 min.)
<i>H.E. Mr. Michal Mlynár (Slovakia), ASP Vice-President Permanent Representative to the United Nations</i>

4. Outcome

As outcome, an informal brief summary of the discussions will be made along with language proposed for inclusion in the omnibus resolution.