

**SECRETARIAT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES TO THE
ROME STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**

Group of Independent Experts- Final report

Message sent on behalf of the Group of Independent Experts

The Group of Independent Experts is pleased to present its final Report on the review of the International Criminal Court and the Rome Statute system, as requested by the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in December 2019 through its resolution ICC-ASP/18/Res.7. The Report is submitted pursuant to the Assembly's request that the Experts present their final report and recommendations to the Bureau, the Assembly, the Court and other stakeholders no later than 30 September 2020.

The full Report is issued together with the French translation of its Introduction and Annex I, containing a summary of the recommendations that the Experts advise should receive priority. The Experts would have preferred to issue the full Report in both English and French simultaneously. However, to ensure full confidentiality of the Report, its content has not been shared with any third party prior to this public issuance. The Secretariat of the Assembly has made arrangements for the translation of the full Report to begin today.

- IER Final Report: https://asp.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/asp_docs/ASP19/IER-Final-Report-ENG.pdf
- IER Final Report- Introduction (French): https://asp.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/asp_docs/ASP19/IER-Final-Report-Intro-FRA.pdf
- IER Final Report - Annex I: Summary of recommendations advised to be prioritised (French): https://asp.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/asp_docs/ASP19/IER-Final-Report-Annex1-FRA.pdf

A joint meeting of The Hague Working Group and the New York Working Group of the Bureau will take place on 7 October 2020 from 9:00 to 11:00 (New York) / 15:00 to 17:00 (The Hague). The Working Groups will hear brief introductory remarks from the Chair of the IER, after which the Experts will aim to bring any needed clarifications to the Report, by responding to the written questions previously submitted to them.

The IER recognises that the length of the Report and the number of recommendations it contains may not afford sufficient time for stakeholders to consider them in detail. Accordingly, the Experts would welcome further comments and questions after the joint meeting of the Bureau Working Groups on 7 October 2020. If the Bureau and the Working Groups so wish, the Experts would be happy to reconvene in order to respond to them.

State representatives, Court officials, civil society representatives and all relevant stakeholders may submit questions to the Experts by Monday, 5 October 2020, no later than 17:00 (Central European Time) to the following address: IER-Assistants@icc-cpi.int. The Experts will respond to questions that seek clarifications or further elaboration on the Experts' conclusions, as formulated in the Report.

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