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VERBAL NOTE

The Embassy of Finland presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties and has the honour, with reference to note no. ICC-ASP/7/S/PA/21 of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties, dated 15 April 2008, containing a request to convey information referred to in paragraph 6, sub-paragraph h, of the Plan of action of the Assembly of States Parties for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and in recommendations 1 to 5 contained in annex I of Assembly resolution ICC-ASP/6/Res.2, to update the information provided on 28 September 2007 in response to the corresponding request by the Secretariat in 2007.

As explained in the information provided earlier, no major amendments were introduced in the Finnish Penal Code when the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court was ratified by Finland in December 2000. It was acknowledged, however, that for the national courts to be fully able to exercise jurisdiction over crimes within the Court's jurisdiction it was necessary to modify the Penal Code. A Government Bill on certain amendments with regard to the criminalizations in Chapter 11 of the Penal Code as well as on introducing specific provisions implementing Articles 28 and 33 of the Rome Statute was submitted to Parliament on 13 September 2007. The amendments concerned were adopted on 11 April 2008 and entered into force on 1 May 2008.

Finland wishes also to inform new contact details of its contact point on the matter after recent organisational changes in the Ministry: Unit for Public International Law, Legal Service, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, P.O. Box 176, Laivastokatu 22 B, FI-00023 Government, Finland, Tel. +358 9 16005, Fax. +358 9 160 55707, E-mail: OIK-10@formin.fi.

The Embassy of Finland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties the assurance of its highest consideration.

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