



Reference: ICC-ASP/8/S/16

The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of ... to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the decision of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court contained in resolution ICC-ASP/4/Res.4 of 3 December 2005, to hold its eighth session, in The Hague, in November 2009.

The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties has the honour to inform of the convening of the eighth session of the Assembly of States Parties in The Hague, from 18 to 26 November 2009 and to invite States Parties to the Statute to participate in the eighth session.

Credentials of representatives, and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted by 17 November 2009 to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties, International Criminal Court, Room C-0690, Maanweg 174, 2516 AB The Hague, the Netherlands. From 18 November 2009, credentials should be submitted directly to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties at the session, if possible, not later than 24 hours after the commencement of the session.

The Secretariat also has the honour to invite other States which have signed the Statute or the Final Act to participate in the eighth session as observers.

Furthermore, the Secretariat wishes to note that under rule 94 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, adopted by the Assembly of States Parties on 3 September 2002:

“At the beginning of each session of the Assembly, the President may, subject to the approval of the Assembly, invite a given State which is not a party and does not have observer status to designate a representative to be present during the work of the Assembly. A representative who is so designated may be authorized by the Assembly to make a statement”.

The Hague, 24 April 2009