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#### MFA welcomes International Criminal Justice Day

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomes the celebration of International Criminal Justice Day on 17 July 2011. That date was set by the Declaration of Kampala, at the first Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the ICC and marks the anniversary of 17 July 1998, a historic moment when the Rome Statute was adopted.

Adoption of the Statute, the founding treaty of the International Criminal Court, marked a decisive step in the struggle against impunity for very serious crime that can jeopardize global peace and security, such as genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes of aggression.

The International Criminal Justice Day, celebrated in 2011 for the first time, is the best occasion for shining the spotlight on the international community's commitment to support the work of the International Criminal Court to help develop international criminal law.

The ICC is the sole permanent international criminal court of universal jurisdiction. So far 116 states are parties to the Rome Statute.

Romania signed the Rome Statute on 7 July 1999 and ratified it by Law no. 111/2002. The ratification instrument was deposited in April 2002 and Romania has since been one of the States Parties. Romania's depositing the ratification instrument contributed to the coming into force of the ICC Statute on 1 July 2002.

The Court has been functioning since 2002 and currently its activity is geared to investigating deeds that fall within its material purview, limited to genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and, as of 2017 the crime of aggression (provided the States Parties adopt a decision to this effect), which were submitted for settlement either by the States Parties in whose territory they were committed or by the UN Security Council.

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