
Review Conference of the Rome Statute

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Drafting Committee

**Draft amendments to article 8 of the Rome Statute
and to the elements of crime**

1. The Review Conference, at the second plenary meeting, held on 31 May 2010, pursuant to rule 67 of the Rules of Procedure, and upon the recommendation of the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties, at its ninth meeting, held on 29 April 2010, established a Drafting Committee, with the mandate of ensuring the linguistic accuracy of and consistency between the various language versions of draft amendments to the Rome Statute.

2. The Review Conference, at its ninth plenary meeting, held on 8 June 2010, appointed the following States to serve as members of the Drafting Committee:

Arabic: Jordan
English: United Kingdom, Slovenia
French: France, Gabon
Russian: Russian Federation
Spanish: Spain

Following the invitation by the Chairman of the Conference, China participated, as a member, in the work of the Committee.

3. Ms. Concepción Escobar Hernández (Spain) served as Chairperson. The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties provided the substantive servicing for the Drafting Committee.

4. The Drafting Committee held one meeting, on 9 June 2010 (morning session), to consider document RC/WGOA/1/Rev.2, which contains a draft resolution amending article 8 of the Rome Statute, the amendments to article 8, and the elements of crime. The meetings of the Committee were open to all delegations, including observer and invited States. Gabon did not participate in the meetings of the Committee.

5. The Chairperson informed the Committee that the delegations of Belgium, Canada and France had submitted comments in writing to the French version of the document, and that Spain had transmitted its comments in writing in respect of the Spanish version. Those comments had been made available to the members of the Committee by the Secretariat.

6. Following the discussions, at its first meeting, the Committee reached an agreement on the six official language versions of document RC/WGOA/1/Rev.2, and decided to convey them to the Conference.

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