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Interim report of the focal point on the review of the Rome Statute*

1. In resolution ICC-ASP/6/Res.8¹ of 6 June 2008 the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute requested the Bureau to, inter alia, continue the preparations for the Review Conference and to further refine, prior to the seventh session of the Assembly, the practical and organizational issues related to the venue of the Review Conference, in particular, taking into account the report on the site-visit to Uganda, the broad support for the offer made by Uganda expressed in the debate held by the Working Group on 5 June 2008, as well as the availability of facilities in The Hague and New York.
2. The Assembly also requested the Bureau and the focal point to continue consideration of legal and other implications of holding the Review Conference at a third venue, including the issues referred to in the report on the site-visit to Uganda,² and to provide an update on steps taken by Uganda with regard to these issues;
3. The focal point has been informed by the representatives of Uganda that a Cabinet-level decision has been taken on the ratification of the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court, which would allow for the deposit of the respective instrument of ratification in the coming weeks, and that progress may be expected on the implementing legislation for the Rome Statute.
4. As regards the offer by Argentina to host the Review Conference as an alternative, in case Uganda's bid is not adopted, no additional information concerning the offer has been conveyed to the focal point.

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¹ *Official Records of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Resumed sixth session, New York, 2 – 6 June 2008* (International Criminal Court publication, ICC-ASP/6/20/Add.1), part II.

² ICC-ASP/6/WGRC/INF.1.