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The Embassy of the Republic of Suriname presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to refer to the note reference: ICC-ASP/10/S/PA/07 of 7 February 2011 in which the Secretariat requests the States Parties, with reference to paragraph 6, sub-paragraph(h), of the Plan of action, to provide information relevant to promotion of the ratification and full implementation of the Rome Statute.

The aim of the Plan of action shows that there is a two fold aim that is strived after, namely on the one hand to increase the universality of the International Court of Justice and on the other, the full implementation of the Charter of Rome.

Concerning the current situation in Suriname with reference to the implementation of the Charter of Rome, it can be conveyed to the Secretariat that currently a bill "International Crimes" is in preparation at the Legislation Department of the Ministry of Justice and Police. In this bill the offences as stated in article 5 of the Charter of Rome is included in the frame of becoming complementary.

For the execution of the jurisdiction the Court itself has no possibilities to exercise any coercive measures in prosecution. Because of the pre-mentioned reason article 86 of the Charter of Rome stipulates that all parties to a treaty are obliged to cooperate with the Court in order to realize the assigned jurisdiction. In this frame Suriname, as party to the treaty, must also realize an implementation act concerning the cooperation with the Court. This act too is currently under preparation at the Legislation Department.

In the frame of the Plan of action it is also necessary that Suriname signs the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. This agreement is intended to provide certain privileges and immunity for civil servants and staff of the ICC, that are necessary in order to allow them to execute their tasks in an independent and unconditional manner.

As yet the above mentioned actions can be identified, that serve to support the Plan of action.

The Embassy of the Republic of Suriname avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court the insurances of its highest consideration.

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