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The Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and with reference to its note ICC-ASP/10/PA/07 of 7 February 2011 on the Plan of Action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute, has the honour of announcing the following:

Madagascar has not yet adopted any national legislation to implement the Rome Statute. However, since its ratification on 14 March 2008, drafts are being reviewed within the Ministry of Justice with a view to integrating the provisions of the Statute in the domestic legal system.

Thus, a **plan of action** has been prepared with a view to implementing the Rome Statute. **Action is envisaged to:**

-organise a workshop to raise awareness on the Rome Statute implementing legislation;

-establish an ad hoc committee comprising various relevant entities, and in particular civil society, to prepare preliminary draft implementing legislation;

-hold a workshop to approve the legislation with all stakeholders, namely decision makers, civil society and NGOs working for the promotion of and respect for Human Rights;

-adopt and publish the legislation;

-provide initial and ongoing training to the various law enforcement actors, namely judges and police officers in the criminal investigation department, and to train civil society.

However, the Government of Madagascar currently faces obstacles that are hindering its efforts to introduce Statute provisions into internal law.

Therefore, in order to make the most of the **efforts to introduce the Rome Statute provisions into Malagasy internal law and implementation of the plan of action**, the government of Madagascar hereby requests **technical assistance** to:

-organise, in the near future, a visit or national seminar in Madagascar on an integrated implementation of the Rome Statute, as well as a programme for the protection of witnesses;

- train judges;
- provide experts in preparing the draft implementing legislation; and
- prepare a manual on how to implement the legislation in conformity with the Statute.

The Mission of Madagascar would like to thank the Assembly of States Parties in advance for its kind intervention in granting this request.

The Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court the assurances of its highest consideration.

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