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The Embassy of Italy presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) to the Rome Statute, and has the honor to refer to the mandate conferred to it pursuant to RC/Res.1 adopted by the 2010 Kampala Review Conference, concerning the facilitation of the exchange of information on initiatives aimed at strengthening domestic jurisdictions ("positive complementarity"), and to the Note Verbale ICC-ASP/12/S/013 of the Secretariat dated 12 April 2013.

In this regard, the Embassy is pleased to inform that Italy is regularly conducting a number of initiatives, either directly or through partners in the field. Some examples of such initiatives include:

(1) Prevention of Genocide (2012).

In cooperation with the Office of the Special Adviser to the UNSG for the Prevention of Genocide, the following initiatives (partly funded with USD 58,505):

(i) Syria.

Training seminar for representatives of the civil society in Syria, on the prevention of ethnic, religious and inter-community violence,

(ii) Training seminar for public officials on genocide and mass-crimes, at the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation;

(2) Syria and Mali (ongoing).

Several projects on prevention of genocide and responsibility to protect (funded with €40,000);

(3) Workshop "Promoting Religious Freedom and Peaceful Coexistence", held in Rome on 11 February 2013 (organized and funded);

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- (4) Palestine (ongoing).  
Memorandum entered with the Ministry of Justice of Palestine on 23 November 2012, concerning mutual legal assistance and cooperation on criminal matters, including the provision of technical assistance for drafting normative instruments, and training activities;
- (5) Lybia (ongoing).  
Support for judicial reform and capacity building in transitional justice (funded with €280,000);
- (6) Bahrein (2012 – 2013).  
“Technical Assistance Program in support of the Bahreini Justice and Law Enforcement sectors” (judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement officials), in April/May 2012 at ISISC in Siracusa. The program included institutional visits to Rome, Geneva (HCHR and ICRC) and Strasbourg. A new edition is ongoing – (funded);
- (7) Iraq (2013).  
Several projects in support of the national dialogue and for the enhancement of institutions, capacity building initiatives, and technical assistance in the judicial sector. Italy funded four editions of the project “Assistance to the Iraqi Judicial Institutions for the training of judges and prosecutors in control and self-government of the judiciary” – (funded);
- (8) Yemen (2011-2013).  
(i) Assistance for the implementation of the UNTOC (UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime), including a workshop held in Rome in March 2011 (funded),  
(ii) Capacity building in the justice sector, with training for the judiciary. A project by IDLO (International Development Law Organization) – (funded);
- (9) Afghanistan (2011-2012).  
Two training sessions of two weeks each in international humanitarian law and human rights for Afghan officials and officers (Security Forces, Army and Police, judges and prosecutors, civil society) at the IIHL (International Institute of Humanitarian Law) in Sanremo. Special focus on: rights of women; protection of civilians, refugees and IDP; treatment of prisoners; role of main International Institutions (ICC, UN, UNHCR, ICRC, NATO) - (co-funded).

The Embassy of Italy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of the States Parties to the International Criminal Court the assurances of its highest consideration

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