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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia (hereinafter – the Ministry) presents its compliments to the International Criminal Court (hereinafter – the ICC) and, acknowledging the importance of effective and comprehensive cooperation and assistance by States Parties to enable the ICC to fulfil its mandate as set out in the Rome Statute, has the honour to inform on the following.

Pursuant to the ICC's Assembly of States Parties resolution on complementarity, adopted at the 8th plenary meeting on 21 November 2012, and with respect to Part 9 of the Rome Statute, the Republic of Latvia has submitted inquiry on capacity-building needs in the area of investigation and prosecution of serious international crimes to the national authorities.

The Ministry has the honour to inform that in the Republic of Latvia there are no needs for additional resources for capacity-building as to this date the Republic of Latvia has not initiated any case proceedings on serious international crimes (genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes or aggression).

The Ministry also has the honour to inform that concerning the previous activities related to capacity-building in the area of serious international crimes, the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia in cooperation with Latvian Judicial Training Centre since year 2000 provides legal education and training for all judges adjudging different categories of cases.

Training programs are developed by leading civil law, criminal law, administrative law and international law experts - both academicians and practitioners. Therefore training programs contain not only general but also current issues of law as well as case law analysis in a particular area of law. Each year the training programs are updated to make sure that they improve the knowledge of judges about the current issues. Criminal law and in particular crimes against human life and health are included in the training program for judges and court staff also for the year 2013.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia avails itself to this opportunity to renew to the International Criminal Court the assurances of its highest consideration.

Riga, 7 August 2013

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