

Embassy of Mexico

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The Embassy of Mexico presents its compliments to the President of the Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court, Ambassador Tiina Intelmann, and has the honour to refer to note ICC/ASP/12/S/008 dated 13 February 2013 on resolution ICC-ASP/5/Res.3, which was adopted by the Assembly of States Parties on 1 December 2006, by which the Assembly decided, *inter alia*, to adopt and implement the Plan of action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute. This note is to inform the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the initiatives taken by the Mexican government in order to carry out the plan.

The Embassy would like to add that the information presented in this letter is an update to the information presented by the Mexican government in 2011 and that this information is public.

- Mexico actively supports universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute.
- At the regional level, in the context of the Organization of American States:
 - As in previous years, in 2012 Mexico presented a draft resolution entitled “Promotion of the International Criminal Court” which was adopted by consensus during the Forty Second Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (AG/RES. 2728 (XLII-O/12)) which was held from 3 to 5 June 2012 in Cochabamba (Bolivia). The resolution, which is appended in annex, decides *inter alia* :
 - “To renew its appeal to those member states that have not yet done so to consider signing, ratifying, or acceding to, as appropriate, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and its Agreement on Privileges and Immunities”. (PO1)

- “To remind those member states that are parties to said instruments of the importance of the promotion of their universality and to continue adopting the necessary measures to achieve their full and effective implementation, and to adopt measures to adjust their national legislation (...)” (PO2)
 - “To urge those member states that are parties to the Rome Statute to support and promote the work of the International Criminal Court, in keeping with their obligations.” (PO5)
- Mexico has been submitting this resolution since 2001. Its objective is to promote the work of the International Criminal Court and to encourage Member States of the Organisation of American States to cooperate with the Court. The resolution is updated every two years; accordingly, the next resolution on the topic will be submitted in 2014.
- In accordance with paragraph 14 of above mentioned resolution, the Permanent Council was requested to hold “a high-level dialogue session among the permanent representatives of all member states to discuss, among other matters, measures that could strengthen cooperation with the International Criminal Court. The International Criminal Court, international organizations and institutions, and civil society will be invited to cooperate and participate in this working meeting.”
- Above working meeting was held on 12 April 2013 with States and representatives of the International Criminal Court. During the meeting, appropriate measures that States should take to strengthen their cooperation with the Court were discussed.
- At the national level, Mexico is continuously striving to disseminate information about the International Criminal Court through various seminars and courses

intended to increase awareness about the work of the Court, as mentioned in the recommendations of the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties. In this context :

- At the national level, since 2010, through the Inter-Ministerial International Humanitarian Law Commission, the Mexican government has been organising an annual course on International Humanitarian Law which includes in its curriculum information on the provisions of the Rome Statute and on the work of the International Criminal Court. The fourth course will be held on 4 and 5 November 2013. The event is intended each year for approximately 200 participants from the executive, legislature, judiciary, domestic academic institutions and civil society, both at federal and state level.
- Since 2012, The Ministry of Defence has been organising training courses in international criminal law for the members of the armed forces and judiciary. The purpose of such courses, which were repeated in 2013, is to train the personnel of the various branches of the military and legal officers of the military justice section of the Mexican army and air force, as well as the personnel of the Mexican navy, and to update their knowledge of international criminal law and human rights. The training includes topics related to the provisions of the Rome Statute and to the work of the International Criminal Court.

The Mexican Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the President of the Assembly of States Parties, Ambassador Tiina Intelmann, the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 1 October 2013