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NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of State Parties of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to refer to the latter's note verbale under reference ICC-ASP/13/PA/45, dated 7 July 2014, relating to the Plan of Action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute and provide the information requested therein.

In relation to the information referred to in paragraph 6, subparagraph h of the Plan of Action, as well as the relevant recommendations of the Bureau, the Embassy wishes to refer to relevant information submitted through its note verbale dated 9 January 2014. The Embassy also refers to the responses submitted to the "Implementing Legislation Questionnaire" through the aforementioned note verbale.

Since October 2013, the Republic of Cyprus is honoured to have undertaken the duties of co-focal point for the Plan of action, with a view to making a contribution to the promotion of universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute. As part of that mandate, the Republic of Cyprus actively participates in meetings and informal consultations with relevant stakeholders, including, inter alia, representatives of States, member of the civil society and the Secretariat. Furthermore, it co-organized with Japan, Romania and the UK the event "Universality and Full Implementation of the Rome Statute: Progress and Challenges" which took place in The Hague on the sidelines of the Assembly of State Parties on 22 November 2013. It also co-organized jointly with Japan the Informal Roundtable on "Universality and Full Implementation of the Rome Statute: A Dialogue among African and Asia-Pacific States and the Court" on 14 July 2014.

The Republic of Cyprus also actively participated to the celebrations for the International Criminal Justice Day on 17 July 2014, a participation which helped the wide dissemination of information about the International Criminal Court especially on the national level. On that day, an article of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Ioannis

Kasoulides, entitled: "International Criminal Justice Day: Why Cyprus is joining the celebrations", was published in major Cypriot newspapers as well as on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of Diplomatic Missions of Cyprus. Moreover, the President of the Republic of Cyprus H.E. Mr. Nicos Anastasiades, along with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Cyprus in New York and the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in The Hague send twitter messages about the participation of Cyprus to the celebration. Finally, the flag of the International Criminal Court was hoisted at the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in The Hague.

The Embassy also wishes to inform that, as of 1 September 2014, the national contact point for matters related to the promotion of ratification and full implementation of the Rome Statute is:

Mr. Nicos Argyrides
Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus, The Hague

The Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in the Kingdom of the Netherlands avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of State Parties to the International Criminal Court the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 30 September 2014

To the
Secretariat of the Assembly of State Parties
International Criminal Court
The Hague

