

Reference: ICC-ASP/16/S/01

The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties presents its compliments to States and has the honour to refer to the decision of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court contained in resolution ICC-ASP/15/Res.5 of 26 November 2016, to hold its sixteenth session, in New York.

The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties has the honour to inform of the convening of the sixteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 4 to 14 December 2017 and to invite States Parties to the Statute to participate in the sixteenth session.

Credentials of representatives, and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted by 1 December 2017 to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties, International Criminal Court, Room A.00.49, Oude Waalsdorperweg 10, 2597 AK The Hague, the Netherlands. From 4 December 2017, credentials should be submitted directly to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties at the session, if possible, not later than 24 hours after the commencement of the session.

The Secretariat also has the honour to invite other States which have signed the Statute or the Final Act to participate in the sixteenth session as observers.

Furthermore, the Secretariat wishes to note that under rule 94 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, adopted by the Assembly of States Parties on 3 September 2002:

“At the beginning of each session of the Assembly, the President may, subject to the approval of the Assembly, invite a given State which is not a party and does not have observer status to designate a representative to be present during the work of the Assembly. A representative who is so designated may be authorized by the Assembly to make a statement”.

The Hague, 7 March 2017

