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N O T E V E R B A L E

The Embassy of the Republic of Austria presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties and, referring to the Note of 5 June 2018 (Ref. ICC-ASP/17/SP/23), has the honor to submit the attached information with regard to paragraph 6, sub-paragraph (h) of the Plan of action of the Assembly of States Parties for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute.

The Embassy of the Republic of Austria avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 25 September 2018



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International Criminal Court

Plan of action of the Assembly of States Parties for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

Updated information by Austria

24. September 2018

In order to supplement information previously submitted by Austria with regard to paragraph 6, sub-paragraph (h), of the Plan of action, Austria would like to provide the following additional information:

One of the priorities of Austria's Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU) is the strengthening of effective multilateralism, which also includes the International Criminal Court.

As a result of a joint initiative of Austria and Bulgaria, on 16 July 2018 the EU Foreign Ministers adopted Council Conclusions on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute, in which the EU and its Member States expressed their strong support for the ICC and the fight against impunity.

Austria also served as a co-sponsor of the official ICC event in The Hague on 17 July 2018 commemorating the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute. The Austrian Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Dr. Karin Kneissl, also took part in the anniversary video supporting the ICC produced by France and Senegal.

From 18 to 20 October 2018 an academic conference on the topic of "The Sound of International Criminal Law" organised by the Salzburg Law School on International Criminal Law, Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law will take place with the financial support of the Austrian EU Presidency. The conference forms part of the celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute.

In the context of the Assembly of States Parties in December 2018 in The Hague, the Austrian EU Presidency, together with the Coalition for the ICC (CICC), will organise a side event on "Universality".

Furthermore, Austria would like to update its answer to question 13 of the Implementing legislation questionnaire for States Parties as follows:

13. *Has your government initiated or considered additional steps for the implementation of the Statute in national legislation?*

Austria is currently preparing the ratification of the amendments to Art. 8 of the Rome Statute adopted during the ASP-16 and their national implementation.