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del
Principat d'Andorra*

VERBAL NOTE

The Embassy of the Principality of Andorra to the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of the States Party of the International Criminal Court and, in relation to paragraph 6 h) [from (i) to (viii)] of the Plan of action of the Assembly of States Parties for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, approved by Resolution ICC-ASP/5/Res.3 on the Strengthening the International Criminal Court and the Assembly of the States Parties, adopted on 1 December 2006 by 7th plenary meeting of the States Parties, has the honour to inform of the following:

1) Paragraph 6 h) makes specific reference to the promotion of the ratification and full implementation of the Rome Statute. In that sense, the Principality of Andorra signed the Rome Statute in 18 July 1998 and deposited its instrument of ratification on 30 April 2010.

2) In order to implement the dispositions of the Rome Statute, the Government of the Principality of Andorra organized a multidisciplinary team integrated by eight expert members from different ministerial departments, like Foreign Affairs, Interior and the Legal Department, together with one magistrate and one legal prosecutor from the Andorran Courts, as well as two independent legal advisors, which gathered in many occasions to finally produce a qualified Law on the collaboration with the International Criminal Court.

3) The most important obstacle faced by the Government of the Principality of Andorra in implementing the provisions of the Statute was to introduce in the Andorran Criminal Code the crimes foreseen in the Rome Statute that were not yet included or typified. However, on 17 December 2008, the Government approved a Decree publishing the new Criminal Code that already included a chapter (XXIV) entirely dedicated to Crimes against the international Community. Among those: the crime of genocide, crimes against humankind, war crimes and the crime of aggression. In total, 26 articles (from article 450 to article 475) which basically develop the crimes of the Rome Statute.

The Embassy of the Principality of Andorra to the Kingdom of the Netherlands avails itself of this opportunity to express to the Secretariat of the Assembly of the States Party of the International Criminal Court the assurances of its highest consideration./



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