



Kuwait

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In the Name of Allah, Most Merciful, Most Gracious

Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Peace and Blessings of Allah be Upon You All

I have the honor, at the outset of my speech, to express my sincere appreciation and respect for the assembly of the states parties of the International Criminal Court and its general secretariat for its continuous endeavor and keenness on promoting the universality of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and ensuring its spread for the entrenchment of the principles of criminal justice, and its constant encouragement for the non party states to ratify and accede to the Statute and this essential institution.

I would like to express on my behalf and on behalf of my country's delegation our thanks and appreciation to the people and the government of the Republic of Uganda for the great efforts they have exerted in hosting and organizing this important international forum, with our heartfelt wishes and prayers for their success.

Mr. President,
Ladies and gentlemen,

The State of Kuwait has given a special attention, since the adoption of the Rome Statute, to the follow-up of the work of the International Criminal Court and the efforts of the assembly of the states parties in concluding the work of this International Criminal System, which has been working hard on the implementation of the rules of the International Humanitarian Law through the pursuance and prosecution of the perpetrators who undermine peace and security of the international community.

In this context, I must refer to the fact that despite the court's numerous successes in establishing justice in the international community, it is still-actually- facing a number of challenges and Problematics which we all hope to overcome, especially those who make the impression that there are some kind of selectivity and double standards and measures being initiated or undergone by the Court within its international criminal jurisdiction. There is no sufficient time to give examples or produce evidence.

In this regard ... I am keen to confirm that Kuwait is seriously considering the accession to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, however it has not ratified the Statute until now, but its belief in the importance of this Court is great and fixed and therefore, it maintains a constant follow-up and effective participation in the court's different activities as an observer, especially in the meetings of the working group on the definition of the aggression which values the Kuwaiti delegation and appreciates the splendid efforts exerted in regards to the drafting of a definition for the crime of aggression, resulted in the preparation for an initial plan to draft the provisions of the crime of aggression and specify the scope of the jurisdiction of the Court in that regards. The State of Kuwait is keen on bringing your respective conference to an international consensual decision on the definition of the crime of aggression as one of the crimes that are subject, in its incrimination and punishment, to the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court as a source of worries and threat to stability, security, and peace in the international community.

Mr. President,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Finally, I would like to renew to the assembly of the states parties and its general secretariat the thanks and appreciation of the State of Kuwait, for their continuous endeavor in guaranteeing the promotion and respect for the rules of the International Humanitarian Law, the human rights and basic freedoms and the creation of an international community in which justice and rule of law may prevail, as a realization of the intents and objects of the United Nations' Charter.

There is no doubt that, the outcome of this conference will have a great impact on the determination of the point of view of a number of states which has not ratified the Statute yet, including the State of Kuwait. I wish you success in reaching the appropriate and satisfactory results that are acceptable to all countries, concerning some issues that are relevant to the promotion of the universality of pending issues in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

I, thank you for your kind attention.

And may the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon you all.