

## Annex II

### Report of the Working Group on the Review Conference

1. The Working Group on the Review Conference was established by the Assembly at the first meeting of its seventh session. Following consultations with the Bureau, the President of the Assembly appointed Ambassador Rolf Fife (Norway) to serve as Coordinator of the Working Group. The Working Group held two meetings, on 20 and 21 November 2008, respectively.
2. The Working Group had before it an interim report of the focal point on the review of the Rome Statute<sup>1</sup>, as well as a draft resolution on the venue of the Review Conference.
3. The Working Group agreed to accept the offer of Uganda to host the Conference, scheduled to take place in the first semester of 2010, for a period of five to ten working days, at dates to be established by the Bureau.
4. While supporting the inclusion of the provision referring to unforeseen developments, concern was expressed about the ambiguous nature thereof, which may possibly lead to the revisiting of the issue of the venue of the Conference in the near future.
5. As regards achieving successful dissemination of information about the Court's activities, the Coordinator explained that the holding of a Review Conference should actively contribute to promoting and achieving universality of the Rome Statute.
6. As regards the way forward, the Working Group observed that due consideration would need to be given to substantive issues that are to be discussed at the Conference. In order to advance the consideration of such issues, delegations were invited to consider primarily the provision contained in article 124 of the Rome Statute, as well as the issues raised in resolutions E and F of the Final Act of the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the establishment of an International Criminal Court and invited the Coordinator to communicate to States Parties a document setting out the proposed timelines and process forward.
7. One delegation indicated that it was considering circulating a text for an amendment to the list of war crimes in article 8 of the Rome Statute, specifically regarding the use of certain weapons, sufficiently in advance of the next session of the Assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> ICC-ASP/7/WGRC/INF.1 and Add.1.