

Reference : ICC-ASP/S/5/04

The Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of ... to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the decision of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, at its 4th meeting, on 3 December 2005, to convene its fifth session, in The Hague, in November 2006, and to have a resumed fifth session, in New York, for the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression, with both specific dates to be determined by the Bureau of the Assembly.

At a meeting on 13 January 2006, the Bureau of the Assembly decided on the specific dates and, accordingly, the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties has the honour to inform of the convening of the fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Statute, in The Hague, from 23 November to 1 December 2006, and of the resumed fifth session, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 29 to 31 January 2007, and to invite States Parties to the Statute to participate in the fifth session and in the resumed fifth session. The Secretariat notes that no meeting shall be held on Sunday, 26 November 2006.

Credentials of representatives, and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted by 22 November 2006 to the Director of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties, International Criminal Court, Room C-0690, Maanweg 174, 2516 AB The Hague, The Netherlands. From 23 November 2006, 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 fifth session and in the resumed fifth 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 Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of ... to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 6 February 2006