

**Plan of Action of the Assembly of States Parties for Achieving Universality and Full Implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court – Paragraph 6(h): Providing to the Secretariat information relevant to promotion of the ratification and full implementation of the Rome Statute.**

- (ii) National or regional strategies or plans of action to promote ratification and/or full implementation;

*Mauritius participates in regional efforts to promote ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute.*

- (iii) Technical and other assistance needs and delivery programmes;

*Legal training and non-legal technical assistance to the police force, relevant government departments, prosecuting authorities and members of the Judiciary as regards their respective involvement.*

- (iv) Planned events and activities;

*The National International Law Committee (NHLC) advises and assists the Government in implementing and disseminating knowledge of international humanitarian law (IHL) instruments to which Mauritius is a party, including the Rome Statute. The NHLC and the Red Cross Society have embarked on a sensitisation programme on IHL issues. Activities planned by the NHLC for 2011/2012 include:*

- 1. Workshops for Senior Officials of Ministries/Departments (May 2011);*
- 2. Essay Competition for Upper Secondary Schools Students (August 2011);*
- 3. Photo Exhibition (November 2011);*
- 4. Training of Trainers (October 2011);*
- 5. Television programme (November 2011);*
- 6. Inclusion of 'Exploring Humanitarian Law within the curriculum at secondary and tertiary levels and police Training school (ongoing); and*
- 7. Sensitization in secondary schools (2012).*

- (v) Examples of implementing legislation [or the Rome Statute];

*The International Criminal Court Bill was passed by the National Assembly on 21 June 2011 and has been assented to on 26 July 2011.*

- (vi) Bilateral cooperation agreements between the Court and States Parties;

*Section 40 of the International Criminal Court Act empowers the Attorney General to enter into agreements with the Court. To date no such agreement has been entered into.*

- (vii) Solutions to constitutional issues arising from ratification;

*There are no constitutional issues arising from ratification at this stage.*

- (viii) National contact points for matters related to promotion of ratification and full implementation.

*Solicitor General, Attorney General's Office.*

**Recommendations on the Plan of Action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.**

1. To continue promoting, as far as possible, the universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute at bilateral, regional and multilateral level;
2. To continue their efforts to disseminate information on the Court at the national and international level, including through events, seminars, publications, courses and other initiatives that may raise awareness about the work of the Court;
3. To continue to provide the Secretariat with updated information relevant to the universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute, including current contact information on national focal points; .
4. To organize, in conjunction with civil society, academia, international organizations and professional associations seminars, panel discussions and events focusing on promoting universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute, in New York, in The Hague and in different regions. and to disseminate information about the Court's work and the provisions of the Rome Statute;
- 5, To continue to provide, wherever possible, technical and financial assistance to States wishing to become party to the Statute and to those wishing to implement the Statute in their national legislation; and
6. To continue to cooperate with the Court so that it can fulfill its functions accordingly.

*NOTE: Paragraphs 2-6 already covered by replies to questions at 6(h) above.*