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With reference to the Secretariat's note of 15 April 2008, Ref. ICC-ASP/7/S/PA/21, requesting information referred to in paragraph 6 subparagraph h) of the Action Plan for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute, adopted by the Assembly of States Parties on 1 December 2006, I would like to inform you as follows:

- 1) The national legislation, including the Constitution, implementing the Rome Statute was in place unamended. The details had been provided last year in attachment to my letter of 2 October 2007.
- 2) The process of reviewing of the Polish substantive criminal law with the aim to penalise adequately all the crimes under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court was continued. During the 30th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (Geneva, 26 – 30 November 2007), as a part of its pledges for the period 2007 – 2011, Poland made a commitment to adopt appropriate legislation *inter alia* in order to incorporate the core crimes under the Rome Statute.
- 3) A progress was achieved in the process of ratification of the Agreement on the Immunities and Privileges of the International Criminal Court. In July 2008 the Council of Ministers adopted a resolution on the submission of the Agreement to the Parliament for ratification. The commencement of work in the Parliament on the draft Law on the ratification of the Agreement is scheduled for early October 2008.
- 4) The practice of sharing of experience on the ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute was continued in the framework of bilateral co-operation. For natural reasons a

focus was put on the countries belonging, or potentially belonging, to our regional group (like e.g. Georgia).

- 5) The political support for the idea of the universality of the ICC continued to be voiced firmly by the Polish Government. On the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Rome Statute the Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs submitted the official statement to the Secretary General of the United Nations and the President of the ICC, in which he highlighted the need for universal acceptance of the Court's jurisdiction and the shared responsibility to promote the rule of law all over the world.

The electronic version of the above information, to the e-mail address: asp@asp.icc-cpi.int, will follow.

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