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The Embassy of Italy to the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to forward the attached information relevant to promotion of the ratification and full implementation of the Rome Statute, as requested by Assembly resolution ICC-ASP/5/Res.5 of 1 December 2006.

The Embassy of Italy to the Kingdom of the Netherlands avails itself of this opportunity to present to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court with its expressions of its deepest appreciation.



The Hague, 13 September 2007

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Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties
International Criminal Court
The Hague

**Plan of Action of the Assembly of States Parties for achieving universality and full
implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
(ICC-ASP/5/Res.3 of 1 December 2006)**

Italy

Signature 18 July 1998

Ratification 26 July 1999

(i) Implementing legislation : a number of proposals have been circulated in the Parliament in the past and current legislature, but were not discussed due to other priorities in the political agenda. However, the Council of Minister has recently approved a new bill presented by the Minister of Justice, who has publicly stated that implementation of the Rome Statute is a priority for 2007,

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(iv) Events and activities : Italy has recently held the Conference on International Criminal Justice (Turin, 14-18 May 2007), where past, present and future activity of all international and internationalised jurisdictions was reviewed with the aim of furthering the cause of the permanent ICC,

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(vii) Constitutional issues : a number of constitutional issues have been dealt with in the ratification process, and solutions found are in detail analysed in the attached article by President Roberto Bellelli ("*Italian implementation of the Rome Statute and Related Constitutional Issues*", in "States' responses to issues arising from the ICC Statute : Constitutional, Sovereignty, Judicial Cooperation and Criminal Law", edited by Roy Lee, Transnational Publishers 2005),

(viii) National contact point : upon adoption of the January 2004 EU Plan of Action implementing the 2003 EU Common Position on the ICC, the following Italian Focal Point has been established : Judge Roberto Bellelli (icc.focalpoint@esteri.it).