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## **Ratification and Implementation of the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression in the European Context**

Side Event at the Council of Europe  
Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI)

### **Background and Purpose**

The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, to which the vast majority of Council of Europe members are party, was amended in 2010. The Amendments concern the Crime of Aggression and certain changes to article 8. The Amendments on the Crime of Aggression, which define the Crime and specify the conditions under which the Court may exercise jurisdiction over them, are of particular relevance in the European context, both given the region's history (the 1946 Nuremberg trials are among the only examples of international trials for the Crime of Aggression) and given the continent's current dedication to the cause of international criminal justice. A decision on the activation of the Amendments is foreseen for the beginning for 2017; in addition, 30 ratifications will be required for the Court to exercise jurisdiction.

Now is the best time for explaining the technical details to representatives of the Council of Europe. The purpose of this event is to elucidate several technical aspects of the Crime of Aggression, notably its definition and the provision for the exercise of the Court's jurisdiction over this crime from a technical-legalistic point of view.

### **Coordinates and Logistics**

This event will take place in

**Room 9, Council of Europe, from 14.30 to 17.30 on 26 March 2013.**

Seating will be provided for one CAHDI member and one ambassador from each Member State. Interpretation will also be provided.

Participants are kindly requested to confirm their attendance via the CAHDI registration form.

## **Programme**

The event will be divided into an opening followed by three thematic segments. CAHDI members and ambassadors will have the opportunity to ask questions and make comments after each segment.

### *Welcoming Remarks*

Ms. Liesbeth Lijnzaad, Chair of the Council of Europe Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law

Mr. Daniel Ospelt, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the Council of Europe

### *Opening Remarks & Moderation*

Mr. Stefan Barriga, Deputy Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations

### *Policy considerations for ratification and/or implementation*

Dr David Donat Cattin, Senior Director International Law and Human Rights Programme, Parliamentarians for Global Action

### *Entry into force and exercise of jurisdiction by the ICC*

Prof Claus Kreß, University of Cologne

### *The definition of Article 8 bis as the guiding light for domestic law*

Ms. Astrid Reisinger Coracini, Executive Director, Salzburg Law School on International Criminal Law, Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law

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