

Invitation

Interactive panel discussion on the occasion of the Day of International Criminal Justice:

"Into the homestretch: towards the activation of the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression"

Thursday, 17 July 2014, 1:15 – 3:00 p.m. Conference Room 2 (CB)

light lunch will be served

Panel:

Hon. Judge Sang-Hyun Song, President of the International Criminal Court

H.E. Mr. Andrej Logar, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the United Nations

Prof. Beth van Schaack, Professor of Law, Santa Clara University - School of Law

Moderator:

Mr. David Tolbert, President, International Center for Transitional Justice

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Background:

The ICC Review Conference in 2010 in Kampala, Uganda, States Parties completed the Rome

Statute of the International Criminal Court by adopting amendments on the crime of aggression. The ICC will thus be able to investigate and prosecute leaders of States that are responsible for the most serious forms of the illegal use of force against other States. To this

end, 30 ratifications are required, as well as a one-time decision of States Parties to activate the ICC's jurisdiction, no earlier than 2017. At present, 14 States Parties from all regions of the

world have ratified the Kampala amendments on the crime of aggression.

Speakers on the panel will address the relevance of the crime of aggression amendments and

critical challenges ahead of the activation decision in 2017. The importance of early ratification,

the availability of technical assistance as well as the criticisms levelled at the aggression

amendments will all be discussed.

After the discussion, representatives of States and civil society will be given the opportunity to

make comments or ask questions.

Logistical information:

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The meeting is open to all. For those without a valid UN grounds pass please contact

rene.holbach@nyc.llv.li (212 599 0220 ext. 230) with full name and affiliation, no later than 14

July.

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