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The Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations will hold a

Ministerial Panel:
**“A call to ratify the Kampala amendments on
the crime of aggression”**

Friday, 27 September 2013, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
ECOSOC Chamber

Opening:

H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Ministerial Panel:

H.E. Mr. Phandu Skelemani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Botswana

H.E. Mr. Urmas Paet, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Estonia

H.E. Ms. Aurelia Frick, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Principality of Liechtenstein

Background:

At the ICC Review Conference in 2010 in Kampala, Uganda, States Parties seized the historic opportunity and adopted amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression. As a consequence, the ICC will in the future 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, seven States Parties from all regions have ratified the Kampala amendments (Liechtenstein, Samoa, Luxembourg, Estonia, Trinidad & Tobago, Germany, Botswana). In addition, Slovenia and Uruguay announced that they will deposit their instruments of ratification during the Treaty Event. Many other States from all regions of the world are actively working on ratification (for details, please consult the latest update on the ratification process at www.crimeofaggression.info).

The Ministerial Panel will highlight the importance of ratifying the amendments and the experience of States that have already done so. Furthermore, information will be provided regarding the availability of technical assistance and resources for interested States.

Structure:

The meeting is open to all delegations without prior registration. After interventions from the podium, the floor will be opened for questions and comments. The organizers would welcome in particular statements addressing the current status of the domestic ratification process and/or their implementation into domestic law.

To reserve a place on the informal speaking list as well as for any further questions, please contact: Mr. Jörn Eiermann, (t) +1 212 599 0220 ext. 227, joern.eiermann@nyc.llv.li

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