

## SEMINAR ON THE RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KAMPALA AMENDMENTS TO THE ROME STATUTE OF THE ICC

### "Turning the Kampala Amendments into Reality"

Brdo, 15 – 16 May 2014

### PROGRAMME

**Thursday, 15 May 2014**

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13.30 – 14.00     **REGISTRATION**  
*Brdo Congress Centre*

14.00 – 14.30     **OPENING SESSION**  
*Brdo Congress Centre, Grandis Hall*

WELCOMING ADDRESS

**H.E. Mr Karl Erjavec**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia

VIDEO MESSAGE

**H.E. Mr Ban Ki-moon**, Secretary-General of the United Nations

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**H.E. Mr Miguel de Serpa Soares**, UN Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

VIDEO MESSAGE

**Mr Benjamin B. Ferencz**, Former Chief US Prosecutor at the Nuremberg Trial

14.30 – 16.00 **HIGH LEVEL PANEL: The International Criminal Court – achievements and challenges**

*Brdo Congress Centre, Grandis Hall*

MODERATOR: **Ms Louisewies van der Laan**, Former Chief of Staff to the President of the International Criminal Court

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

**H.E. Mr Miguel de Serpa Soares**, UN Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

**H.E. Ms Tiina Intelmann**, President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute

**Hon. Judge Ernest Petrič**, Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia, Member of the International Law Commission

- Significance of the ICC in the development of international criminal justice.
- Is the ICC in need of stronger political support? If so, how could it be attained?
- In what ways could the relationship between the Security Council and the ICC be improved?
- How will the activation of Kampala amendments further shape the role of the ICC?

16.00 – 16.30 COFFEE BREAK

16.30 – 18.30 **SESSION 1: Explaining the amendments on the crime of aggression – grasping the elements of the crime, its entry into force and exercise of jurisdiction**

*Brdo Congress Centre, Grandis Hall*

MODERATOR: **Mr Gérard Dive**, Head of International Humanitarian Law Unit, Ministry of Justice of Belgium

**Mr Stefan Barriga**, Minister, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the UN

**Prof Claus Kress**, Professor of Law, Cologne University

- Looking back at the Kampala negotiations – reaching a historic consensus in the early hours of June 12, 2010.
- What are the elements of the crime of aggression and what constitutes an act of aggression?
- How do Understandings 6 and 7 further clarify the boundaries of the crime?
- Under which conditions will the ICC exercise jurisdiction over crimes of aggression?
- What is the role of the Security Council with respect to the crime of aggression?

19.00 – 20.30 **RECEPTION**

*Brdo castle*

Hosted by **H.E. Mr Bogdan Benko**, State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia

Guest of honour **Mr Danilo Türk**, Former President of the Republic of Slovenia

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9.00 – 11.00     **SESSION 2: Ratifying and implementing the crime of aggression amendments**

*Brdo Congress Centre, Grandis Hall*

MODERATOR: **Mr Stefan Barriga**, Minister, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the UN

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

**Mr Toma Galli**, Director, International Law Directorate, Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia

**Mr Lars Leymann**, Head of the ICC Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany

**Mr Marko Rakovec**, Minister Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia

- The principle of complementarity in the context of the crime of aggression.
- Why should the crime of aggression be criminalised in domestic legislation and how can it be done?
- How to define jurisdiction for the crime of aggression, including universal jurisdiction?
- To what extent do immunities of (foreign) officials apply?
- Q&A, Participants sharing their experiences.

11.00 – 11.30     COFFEE BREAK

11.30 – 13.00     **SESSION 3: Ratifying and implementing the war crimes amendment**

*Brdo Congress Centre, Grandis Hall*

MODERATOR: **Mr Marko Rakovec**, Minister Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia

**Mr Gérard Dive**, Head of International Humanitarian Law Unit, Ministry of Justice of Belgium

**Prof Antonios Tzanakopoulos**, Professor of Public International Law, University of Oxford

**Mr Jamie A. Williamson**, Legal Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross

- Explaining the amendment to Article 8.
- What is the significance of the amendment?
- Why should the amendment be ratified and how should it be implemented?
- Q&A, Participants sharing their experiences.

13.00 – 14.30     LUNCH BREAK  
*Brdo Congress Centre, Splendens Hall*

14.30 – 16.00 **SESSION 4: Reaching 30 – Where do we stand?**

*Brdo Congress Centre, Grandis Hall*

MODERATOR: **Ms Danijela Horvat**, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia

**Mr Stefan Barriga**, Minister, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the UN

**Mr David Donat Cattin**, Secretary-General, Parliamentarians for Global Action

- What are the prospects of reaching the target date of 1 January 2017?
- What is the current status of ratifications and what more can be done for the promotion of the Kampala amendments?
- Prospects for the activation decision in 2017.
- Tour de table on the status of ratification and implementation of the Kampala amendments in the EEG.

16.00 – 16.15 **CLOSING ADDRESS**

*Brdo Congress Centre, Grandis Hall*

**Ms Tina Breclj**, State Secretary at the Minister of Justice of Slovenia