

Invitation

Welcome to the first annual high-level meeting

of the “Group of Friends of the ICC”

Prevention of and ending impunity for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes: the role of the ICC in fulfilling victims’ rights and delivering reparative justice

Date: April 17, 2014

Time: 3.00-6.00 pm

Room: Trusteeship Council

(UN Secretariat building)

Background

Proposal for an annual high-level meeting in April of the “Group of Friends of the ICC” to highlight the importance of the ICC in relation to accountability, prevention and justice for victims.

April is the commemorative month of several genocides, when member states, the UN and civil society remember and honour the victims, as well as discuss ideas and strategies to prevent genocide and other atrocity crimes. It is therefore proposed that the “Group of Friends of the ICC” organizes an annual high level meeting in April to high-light the importance of the ICC in relation to accountability, prevention and justice for victims. The proposed theme for such a meeting of the “Group of Friends of the ICC” would be: “High Level Annual meeting of the “Group of Friends of the ICC”: *Prevention of and Ending impunity for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes: the role of the ICC in fulfilling victims’ rights and delivering reparative justice.*” The idea is to have the same title every year and that the proposed title is broad enough to encompass many different sub-topics for the subsequent years. The title also highlights the three main focus areas of the work of the ICC namely ending impunity, prevention of atrocity crimes and providing justice for victims. The proposed sub-topic for this year’s annual meeting is *Victims’ Rights and the need for reparative justice*. In order to both express the commitment by the “Group of Friends of the ICC” and to be able to attract keynote

speakers to the meeting, it is proposed that the annual meeting is organized as a high-level meeting.

Program

High Level Annual meeting of the “Group of Friends of the ICC”, 2014

Victims’ Rights and the Need for Reparative Justice

April 17, 2014, Trusteeship Council, UN Secretariat Building

3.00 pm Opening/welcome address

H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations (tbc)

H.E. Mr. Mårten Grunditz, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations

3.10 Victims’ voices

Mr. Marcel Djimassé, MP Central African Republic, (CAR), Chair of the Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) National Group in the CAR

Ms. Sandra Uwiringiyimana, Survivor of the Gatumba Massacre (DRC); Spokesperson, Foundation for Hope

3.50 Reparative justice: A victims centered approach to justice, reparation and prevention

Dr. Yael Danieli, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies; founder, Victims’ Rights Working Group

4.15 Implementing reparative justice for victims

Ms. Susannah Sirkin, Physicians for Human Rights

Mr. Pieter De Baan, Executive Director, Trust Fund for Victims at the ICC

5.10 Discussion

5.45 Concluding remarks

H.E. Ambassador Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

UN representative: (tbc)

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The meeting is open to all interested individuals that are a part of the “Group of Friends of the ICC” as well as other interested parties. No pre-registration is necessary. Only participants with access to the UN will be able to take part. The meeting will also be available in the UN Webcast at <http://webtv.un.org/>

If you have any questions regarding the meeting please contact Pernilla.nilsson@gov.se or anna.bjorsell@gov.se, at the Mission of Sweden to the UN.