



Coalition for the International Criminal Court

CICC Calls for High-Level Participation by Governments at the ICC Review Conference and for Increased Efforts to Ratify and Implement the Rome Statute and APIC

The Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), a network of over 2,500 non-governmental organizations in more than 150 countries advocating for a fair, effective and independent International Criminal Court (ICC), urges your highest officials to attend the upcoming Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. The Review Conference, convened by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, will take place in Kampala, Uganda between May 31st and June 11th, 2010.

Additionally, we renew our call on non-states parties to ratify the Rome Statute, and implement said Statute within domestic legislation. We also kindly request states parties that have not yet ratified the APIC to do so promptly, as well as to complete the implementation process of the Rome Statute.

With so much potential for influencing the future direction of the International Criminal Court and the development of the international criminal law regime, it is crucial that heads of state or government and/or ministers participate in the Review Conference. In particular, ministers of justice, foreign affairs, and attorney generals are urged to attend and contribute in full to the discussions. Such participation will be an important signal of your government's commitment to justice for all

The Review Conference will be a key moment for discussing and working towards the adoption of broadly-supported amendments to the Statute, as well as reflecting on the progress made in the application of the Rome Statute to date and its impact on the system of international justice that it established. Any amendment to the Statute will have a profound impact on the Court's further development and future operations. In addition, taking stock of the current state of international criminal justice will enable states and other relevant stakeholders to strengthen the system and the Court's effectiveness. High-level participation promises to enhance the debate and the outcome of the Review Conference.

The Review Conference is an important opportunity to restate your country's commitment to the ICC and to announce your country's advances in ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute and the APIC, as relevant. We look forward to working with you in our common objectives for a viable Court long into the future.