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**CICC PRESS BRIEFING AT ICC STATES PARTIES MEETING**

*New York Meeting Key to Prepare for Review Conference in Uganda;  
NGOs to Brief the Media on Issues at Stake*

**WHAT:** The Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) — a global network of civil society organizations in 150 countries advocating for a fair, effective and independent ICC — will brief members of the media on pressing issues to be debated at the resumed session of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to be held in New York on 22- 25 March 2010, and in particular on preparations for the May 2010 Review Conference in Kampala.

**WHEN:** Tuesday 23 March 2010 at 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** *Library Auditorium*, United Nations Secretariat building, New York, USA

**WHO:** Panel participants will include:

- **Cecilia Nilsson Kleffner**, Head of the Legal Section and Hague Director, CICC who will introduce the central issues to be discussed at the resumed eighth ASP session;
- **Mohammed Ndifuna**, Executive Director of Human Rights Network –Uganda, who will discuss civil society and victims' organizations initiatives around the Conference.
- **David Donat Cattin**, Director of the International Law and Human Rights Programme at Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), who will present issues related to the crime of aggression and article 124 of the Rome Statute;

**WHY:** Next week, representatives from each of the now 110 ICC member states will gather in New York to finalize preparations for the first Review Conference of the Rome Statute, to be held in Kampala (Uganda) from 31 May to 11 June 2010. In Kampala, states will consider amendments to the Rome Statute, ICC's founding treaty, and take stock of its implementation and impact thus far. It was agreed that the conference would focus on the crime of aggression; the revision of article 124 of the Rome Statute; and the inclusion of the use of certain weapons as war crimes in the context of an armed conflict of non-international character. The impact of the Statute to date will also be considered,

with a focus on four areas: victims and affected communities; complementarity; cooperation; peace and justice. Although States Parties will make formal decisions, NGOs, the ICC, International Organizations and Non-States Parties will also attend as observers.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

For more information on the Review Conference, please read CICC's factsheet at:

[http://www.coalitionfortheicc.org/documents/CICCFS\\_ReviewConference\\_18Feb20101\\_en.pdf](http://www.coalitionfortheicc.org/documents/CICCFS_ReviewConference_18Feb20101_en.pdf) and visit our website at: <http://www.coalitionfortheicc.org/?mod=review>

Experts from CICC member organizations are listed on the following pages for comment and background.

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