Forging a Convention for Crimes Against Humanity

Informational Side Event at the 11th Session of ICC Assembly of States Parties

Tuesday, 20 November, 2012
13:00 to 14:00

The Oceania Room
World Forum Convention Centre
Churchillplein 10
2517 JW, The Hague, Netherlands

~ Lunch to be provided ~

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The Crimes Against Humanity Initiative was launched in 2008 to study the need for a comprehensive convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, analyze the necessary elements of such a convention, prepare a draft treaty, and support the adoption of a new convention on crimes against humanity by the international community.

The Initiative is directed by a seven-member Steering Committee:

- **Professor Leila Nadya Sadat**, Chair
- Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni
- Ambassador Hans Corell
- Justice Richard Goldstone
- Professor Juan Méndez
- Professor William Schabas
- Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert

The Initiative has progressed in phases, the first three of which have been completed:

- **Phase I**. Preparation of the project and methodological development.
- **Phase II**. Private study of the problem through the commission of working papers by leading experts and collaborative discussion of draft treaty language at expert meetings in St. Louis and The Hague.
- **Phase III**. Public discussion of the project through written consultation with additional experts and at an international conference convened in Washington, D.C.; adoption of final text of the *Proposed International Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity*; publication of the award-winning book *Forging a Convention for Crimes Against Humanity* (Cambridge 2011) containing the text of the *Proposed Convention* in English and in French, the commissioned papers in Phase II, and a Comprehensive History of the Initiative.

The Initiative is now in **Phase IV**, which involves a global awareness-raising campaign and promotion of the strengths and innovations of the *Proposed Convention*. The *Proposed Convention* has been translated into French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian.


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