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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 ~

If possible, please RSVP to bmandefro@wulaw.wustl.edu

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CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY INITIATIVE

- 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.

- More information regarding The Crimes Against Humanity Initiative is available at <http://crimesagainsthumanity.wustl.edu/>.

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