Roundtable Discussion

Approaching the Review Conference in Kampala:
The International Criminal Court – Achievements and challenges

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16.00: Opening remarks

- **Reinhard Silberberg**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany
- **Günter Krings**, Vice-Chairman of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group, Berlin
- **D.Ángel Lossada Torres-Quevedo**, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Madrid.

16.30 – 18.00: First session

18.00 – 18.30: Coffee break

18.30 – 20.00: Second session

20.00 – 21.30: Reception hosted by Reinhard Silberberg, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

Panelists:

- **Chaloka Beyani**, London School of Economics, Department of Law, Centre for the Study of Human Rights.
- **Thomas Schneider**, Head of the ICC unit, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin; member of the German delegation to the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC.
- **Concepción Escobar Hernández**, Head of International Law Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Madrid; member of the Spanish delegation to the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC.
- **Jorge Lomónaco**, Ambassador of Mexico to The Netherlands; Vice-President of the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC.

Moderators:

- **José Luis Rodríguez-Villasante**, Director of the “Centro de Estudios de Derecho Internacional Humanitario” of the Spanish Red Cross.
Topics for Roundtable Discussion*

- Eight years after the ICC was set up, what has the Court and the Assembly of States Parties achieved and where has it fallen short of its designated goals?

- Amendments to the Rome Statute of the ICC: what are the remaining stumbling blocks to agreeing upon a definition of the crime of aggression?

- The ICC and the USA: what is the Obama Administration’s approach and policy towards the Court?

- The ICC and Africa: does Africa speak with one voice on the ICC? What are the primary concerns of key African stakeholders about the ICC? What possible solutions are there?

- "Peace before justice" or "peace through justice"?

- Investigating international crimes: the strategy of the ICC prosecutor

- From complementarity to positive complementarity: absence of political will or lack of capacity?

- Looking ahead: enhancing co-operation and confronting challenges

*Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

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