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ASP17 Side-Event:

The historic activation of the International Criminal Court's jurisdiction over the crime of aggression

Until recently, it was nearly impossible to ensure individual criminal accountability for the crime of aggression - one of the most serious crimes under international law, as defined by the drafters of the Rome Statute. However, at sixteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties in 2017, States Parties decided by consensus to activate the ICC's jurisdiction over the crime of aggression as of 17 July 2018 – the 20th anniversary of the Rome Statute. For the first time in history, a permanent international court has the authority to hold individuals in leadership positions accountable for committing the most serious forms of the illegal use of force. The Court's jurisdiction is determined by the Kampala amendments on the crime of aggression, adopted in 2010 at the Kampala Review Conference.

At a time of an increasingly cavalier way of dealing with international norms, of a growing expectation of impunity for the most heinous crimes and when the well-established international rules on the use of force are bent and violated, the statement that committing crimes of aggression entails criminal accountability sends an important and powerful message that resonates far beyond the work of the ICC. The panelists at this side-event will discuss the significance and the impact of ICC's jurisdiction over the crime of aggression with respect to the prevention of conflict and the promotion and protection of human rights. They will also address questions such as the relevance of this new legal regime with regard to the development of modern warfare.

After interventions from the podium, the floor will be opened for questions and comments. **The organizers would welcome in particular statements addressing the current status of the domestic ratification process of the Kampala amendments on the crime of aggression and/or their implementation into domestic law.**

When: Thursday, 6 December, 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. (*breakfast will be provided*)

Where: World Forum Conference Centre, Room Europe 1-2, The Hague

Panelists: Ms. Jennifer Trahan, Clinical Professor, New York University Center for Global Affairs
Mr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary-General, Parliamentarians for Global Action
Mr. Donald Ferencz, Convenor, Global Institute for the Prevention of Aggression

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN

Contact: After the panel discussion, the floor will be opened for questions and answers. For any further questions please contact: Mr. Sina Alavi at sa@nyc.llv.li

For more information on the crime of aggression, see: www.crimeofaggression.info