

## Questions & Answers: Review Conference of the Rome Statute

### **What is the Review Conference?**

The Review Conference is a special meeting of states parties to the ICC - distinct from the annual Assembly of States Parties (ASP) - to consider amendments to the Rome Statute and to take stock of its implementation and impact.

### **When and where will it be held?**

The first Review Conference on the Rome Statute will be held in Kampala, Uganda from 31 May to 11 June 2010, seven years after the entry into force of the Statute.

### **What are the issues to be discussed?**

In Kampala, states parties will discuss the following amendment proposals:

- The revision of Article 124 of the Rome Statute
- The crime of aggression
- The inclusion of the use of certain weapons as war crimes in the context of an armed conflict not of an international character

### **What is stocktaking?**

The Review Conference will also take stock of the impact and successes of the Rome Statute to date. States have decided focus in particular on the following areas:

- Impact of the Rome Statute system on victims and affected communities;
- Complementarity;
- Cooperation;
- Peace and Justice.

States Parties' focal points have been appointed for each of these four items to facilitate preparations for the discussions and, in particular, to decide on their format and expected outcomes.

### **Who will participate in the Review Conference?**

States Parties will make formal decisions but Non-States Parties, the ICC, International Organizations and NGOs will attend as observers. NGOs, under the umbrella of the CICC, expect to be the biggest delegation at the Conference. The Review Conference will be a critical event for CICC NGO members advocating for a fair, effective and independent ICC. The CICC places great importance on the need to ensure that the Conference is successful; that it protects the integrity of the Rome Statute, and enhances international understanding and support for the ICC.

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