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**FORGING A CONVENTION ON
CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY
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**Location: The Brookings Institution
1775 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036**

Thursday, March 11, 2010

8:15-9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks

- **Strobe Talbott**, President, The Brookings Institution
- **Mark S. Wrighton**, Chancellor, Washington University in Saint Louis
- **Presentation of the Global Philanthropy Award to Steven Cash Nickerson**

9:30-10:00

Opening Address

- **Introduction: William A. Schabas**, Director, The Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway
- **Speaker: Mary Werntz**, Head of Delegation, Regional Delegation for the United States and Canada, International Committee of the Red Cross

10:00-11:00

Plenary Session: Introduction to the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative and Presentation of the Draft Convention

- **Leila Nadya Sadat**, Washington University School of Law, Henry H. Oerschelp Professor of Law; Director, Harris World Law Institute
- **Remarks of Whitney R. Harris**
- **M. Cherif Bassiouni**, DePaul University College of Law; President Emeritus of the International Human Rights Law Institute

11:00-11:15

Break

11:15-12:45

Panel 1: Crimes Against Humanity and Gender Justice

- **Chair: Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert**, International Criminal Court
- **Elizabeth Abi-Mershed**, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- **Evelyn A. Ankumah**, Africa Legal Aid
- **David M. Crane**, Syracuse University; former Chief Prosecutor, Special Court for Sierra Leone
- **Patricia Viseur Sellers**, former Legal Advisor for Gender-Related Crimes, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
- **Judge Inéz Mónica Weinberg de Roca**, U.N. Appeal Tribunal

12:45-2:00

Lunch

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
1779 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Root Room

- **Introduction: Leila Nadya Sadat**, Washington University School of Law, Henry H. Oerschelp Professor of Law; Director, Harris World Law Institute
- **Speaker: Ambassador Stephen J. Rapp**, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues

2:00-3:30

Panel 2: Peace and Justice Dilemmas

- **Chair: Justice Richard J. Goldstone**, Georgetown University Law Center; former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda
- **Richard Dicker**, Human Rights Watch
- **Elizabeth Ferris**, The Brookings Institution
- **Jerry Fowler**, The Save Darfur Coalition
- **Max du Plessis**, University of KwaZulu-Natal

3:30-3:45

Break

3:45-5:15

Panel 3: Filling the Gaps: Facilitating Effective Interstate Cooperation in the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity

- **Chair: Hans Corell**, former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the United Nations
- **Serge Brammertz**, Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
- **Robert Cryer**, Birmingham Law School
- **Laura Olson**, The Constitution Project
- **Darryl Robinson**, Queen's University

6:00

Reception The Dupont Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Ave. NW

7:00

Dinner The Dupont Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Ave. NW

- **Introduction: Kent D. Syverud**, Washington University School of Law, Dean and Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor
- **Award Ceremony honoring the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative Steering Committee**
- **Presentation of the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute World Peace Through Law Award to M. Cherif Bassiouni**

Friday, March 12, 2010

10:00-11:30

Panel 4: Crimes Against Humanity and U.S. Policy

- **Chair: Andrew Solomon**, The Brookings Institution
- **Elizabeth Andersen**, American Society of International Law
- **Larry D. Johnson**, Columbia Law School, former U.N. Assistant-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs
- **Michael P. Scharf**, Case Western Reserve University School of Law
- **Clint Williamson**, former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues
- **Joseph R. Zogby**, Chief Counsel to U.S. Senator Richard Durbin

11:30-12:45

Lunch

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
1779 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Choate Foyer

- **Introduction: Justice Richard J. Goldstone**, Georgetown University Law Center; former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda
- **Speaker: Ambassador Christian Wenaweser**, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the U.N.; President, Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

12:45-2:15

Panel 5: Crimes Against Humanity and State Responsibility to Prevent

- **Chair: William A. Schabas**, Director, The Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway
- **Payam Akhavan**, McGill University
- **Edward C. Luck**, International Peace Institute
- **Judge Daniel David Ntanda Nsereko**, International Criminal Court
- **Dinah L. Shelton**, George Washington University Law School
- **David J. Scheffer**, Northwestern University; former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues

2:15-2:30

Break

2:30-4:00

Panel 6: Universal Jurisdiction, Complementarity, and State Capacity Building

- **Chair: Juan E. Méndez**, Visiting Professor, Washington College of Law, American University
- **Gilbert Bitti**, International Criminal Court
- **Yoram Dinstein**, Tel Aviv University
- **Francesca Varda**, Coalition for the International Criminal Court
- **Mohamed El Zeidy**, International Criminal Court

4:00-5:30

Plenary Session: Closing Ceremony and Presentation of the Conference Outcome Document

- **Chair: Leila Nadya Sadat**, Washington University School of Law Henry H. Oerschelp Professor of Law; Director, Harris World Law Institute
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5:30

Reception The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium