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**Location: Leiden University – Campus Den Haag
Lange Voorhout 44, 2514 EG The Hague**

Agenda

Thursday, June 11, 2009

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| 8:30-8:45 | Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Leila Nadya Sadat, Washington University School of Law
Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law; Director, Harris World
Law Institute▪ Carsten Stahn, Programme Director, Grotius Centre for
International Legal Studies, Leiden University-Campus Den
Haag |
| 8:45-9:00 | Welcome Address
Mayor of the City of The Hague Mr. J.J. van Aartsen |
| 9:15-10:00 | Opening Address: Crimes Against Humanity and International
Criminal Law

Justice Richard Goldstone , Fordham University School of Law;
former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for
the Former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda |
| 10:00-10:15 | Break |

- 10:15-11:15 **Plenary Session: Report from April Experts' Meeting**
- **Chairs:**
 - **M. Cherif Bassiouni**, DePaul University College of Law; President Emeritus of the International Human Rights Law Institute
 - **William Schabas**, Director, the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway
 - **Overview of Project; Presentation of April Report (Leila Sadat)**
- 11:15-12:45 **Panel 1: Completing the Work of Rome: The Need for a Crimes Against Humanity Convention**
- This panel will discuss situations involving the continued commission of atrocity crimes, as well as questions of timing, feasibility, and scope of a crimes against humanity convention.
- **Chair: Juan Méndez**, Scholar in Residence at the Ford Foundation
 - **M. Cherif Bassiouni**, DePaul University College of Law
 - **Mark Janis**, University of Oxford and University of Connecticut School of Law
 - **Leila Nadya Sadat**, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
 - **Richard Goldstone**, Fordham University School of Law
- 12:45-14:15 **Lunch**
- 14:15-15:45 **Panel 2: Enforcement Issues**
- This panel will discuss the enforcement mechanisms of a crimes against humanity convention, including extradition, mutual legal assistance, immunities and issues of state responsibility.
- **Chair: Hans Corell**, former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the United Nations
 - **Sara Criscitelli**, Prosecutions Coordinator, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
 - **Morten Bergsmo**, Senior Researcher, International Peace Research Institute, Oslo
 - **Robert Cryer**, University of Birmingham
 - **Elies van Sliedregt**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- 15:45-16:00 **Break**

- 16:00-17:30 **Panel 3: Crimes Against Humanity and the International Criminal Court**
 This panel will discuss ways in which a comprehensive convention can complement the work of the ICC, with particular focus on the interplay between such a convention and the definition in Article 7 of the Rome Statute.
- **Chair: Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert**, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; International Criminal Court
 - **Thomas Wayde Pittman**, Senior Legal Officer, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
 - **Carsten Stahn**, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies
 - **Judge Kimberly Prost**, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
 - **Fabricio Guariglia**, Senior Appeals Counsel, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
 - **Evelyn Ankumah**, Executive Director, Africa Legal Aid (Invited)
- 19:00 **Dinner at Pulchri Studio (Lange Voorhout 15, 2514 EA Den Haag)**
- **Keynote Address: Gareth Evans**, President & CEO of the International Crisis Group

Friday, June 12, 2009

- 8:30-10:00 **Steering Committee Meeting (limited to committee members only)**
- 10:00-12:00 **Technical Advisory Session: Discussion of Draft Convention**
- **Chair: Leila Nadya Sadat**, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
 - **Presentation: M. Cherif Bassiouni**, DePaul University College of Law
- 12:30-14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00-16:30 **Technical Advisory Session (Resumed)**
- 17:30-19:00 **Reception sponsored by the City of The Hague at Schlemmer (Lange Houtstraat 17, 2511 CV Den Haag)**