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COMMITTEE ON JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS

SPECIAL WORKING MEETING ON STRENGTHENING COOPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

March 15, 2018

Simón Bolívar Room Organization of American States Washington, D.C.

Pursuant to the resolution entitled "Promotion of International Law [AG/RES. 2909 (XLVII-O/17)], the General Assembly established the mandate to hold a working meeting which should include a high-level dialogue session to discuss, "among other matters, measures that could strengthen cooperation with the International Criminal Court."

In the aforementioned resolution, operative paragraph 4 of section iii, on the International Criminal Court, reads:

"4. To express satisfaction at the cooperation in the area of international criminal law between the Organization of American States and the International Criminal Court; to urge the General Secretariat to continue to strengthen that cooperation and to mark the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute in 2018; and to request the Permanent Council to hold, prior to the forty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly, a working meeting that should include a high-level dialogue session among the permanent representatives of all member states to discuss, among other matters, measures that could strengthen cooperation with the International Criminal Court. The International Criminal Court, international organizations and institutions, and civil society will be invited to cooperate and participate in this working meeting."

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Remarks by the Chair of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs, Ambassador Hugo Cayrús, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the OAS

Remarks by the Director of the OAS Department of International Law, Dante Negro

2:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	High-level dialogue on the issue of measures to strengthen cooperation with the International Criminal Court and commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute:	
	2:15 p.m 3:00 p.m.	Presentation by the Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, James Stewart
	3:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.	Interventions by member states
4:00 p.m 5:15 p.m.	Presentations by representatives of other bodies of the International Criminal Court, international and civil society organizations:	
	 Felipe Michelini Member of the Board of Directors of the International Criminal Court's Trust Fund for the Benefit of Victims – videoconference 	
	 Antônia Pereira de Sousa External Relations and Cooperation Officer Registry of the International Criminal Court 	
	- Jorge Luis Cálix Espinal Deputy of the National Congress of Honduras Parliamentarians for Global Action	
	- Michelle E. Reyes Mil Regional Coordinator Coalition for the Intern	
	- Christopher Harland Legal Advisor International Committe Regional Delegation for	ee of the Red Cross or the United States and Canada
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5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Interventions by member states