On the ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC)
Pacific Islands Roundtable on the ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC)

Port Vila, Vanuatu
Date: 31 May 2019
Time: 09:30 – 18:00
Venue: The Melanesian Port Vila Hotel

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09:30-10:30 Opening Session

Moderator: Ms. Frederika Schweighoferova, Senior Legal Officer, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

Welcoming Remarks
Hon. Esmon Saimon, Speaker of the Parliament of Vanuatu

Keynote Speech
Hon. Ralph Regenvanu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and External Trade of Vanuatu

H.E. Mr. O-Gon Kwon, President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; former Judge and President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

10:30-10:50 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Introductory Tour de Table

Motivations, Expectations and the status of the Rome Statute dossier in Participating Countries

Introduction of the participants and brief presentation on the status of the Rome Statute dossier in their respective countries.

Moderator: Mr. Matias Hellman, External Relations Adviser of the Presidency of the ICC

12:00-13:00 Panel 1

The importance of effective implementation of the Rome Statute and cooperation with the ICC.

Moderator: Ambassador H.E. John H. Licht, Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary to the European Union

Commentary on the legislative process in Vanuatu
Mr. Arnold Kiel Loughman, Attorney General, Vanuatu
13:10-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:30 Panel 2

Relevance of the Rome Statute for the Environmental Challenges Faced by Small Pacific Islands Related to Oceans and Climate

Presentation and analysis of the draft law to implement the Rome Statute in Vanuatu

Ambassador H.E. John H. Licht, Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary to the European Union

Dr. Carrie MacDougall, Senior Lecturer at the Melbourne Law School

15:30-15:45 Coffee break

15:45-16:45 Panel 2 (continued)

Dr. Nabil Ahmed, Senior Researcher, Ecological Defence Integrity, and Postdoctoral Fellow at Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Ms. Shirleen Chin, Head of Advocacy & Strategic Partnerships, Ecological Defence Integrity

Ms. Kirsten Meersschaert, Director of Programs, Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC)

Open discussion among participants
16:50-18:00  *Closing interactive session with Kava drinking session*

Adoption of the plan of action and Discussion of Next Steps

**Moderator:** Ms. Frederika Schweighoferova, Senior Legal Officer, PGA

**Mr. Matias Hellman,** External Relations Adviser of the Presidency of the ICC

**Closing remarks** by Judge Song Sang-hyun, former President of the International Criminal Court; President of the UNICEF Committee of the Republic of Korea; Professor of Law, University of Seoul

**Concluding remarks** by Hon. Ps Don Ken Stephen, Minister of Justice and Community Services of Vanuatu

*and*

**H.E. Kym-gu Kang,** Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea

Interactive discussion with participants

18:15-21:00  *Dinner*

All participants invited. Venue: Oasis restaurant, The Melanesian Port Vila Hotel