



THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS IN PROMOTING THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE ROME STATUTE:

THE STATE OF PLAY IN TODAY'S ICC

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Achieving the universality of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) is pivotal for putting an end to impunity for the most serious crimes of international concern as well as reinforcing the ICC's legitimacy as a global criminal court. Only a universal membership of the Rome Statute will enable the ICC to properly execute its mandate and increase its effectiveness in trying perpetrators of the crimes under its jurisdiction.

However, with the glacial progress of States joining the ICC, the current number of 123 States Parties – with some of the global powers absent- is still far from achieving this goal. The reasons for reluctance to join the ICC vary. In some, governments block ratification/accession despite Parliamentary support. In others, anti- ICC propaganda interferes with its advancement. Other reasons include an unwillingness to risk subjecting national leaders to ICC jurisdiction, on- going domestic human rights / political crises, or simply that ICC membership is not a political priority.

This side event will analyse the main problems hindering States from joining the ICC, with examples of successes as well as challenges experienced, elucidated from the perspective of Parliamentarians from four countries.

AGENDA

Opening Remarks by the ASP Facilitators on Universality and Full Implementation

H.E. Henk Cor van der Kwast, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the International Criminal Court

H.E. Yeondoo Jeong, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Netherlands

Reflections by the Presidency of the ICC

H.E. Piotr Hofmański, President of the International Criminal Court

European Parliament, European Union

Mr. Fabio Massimo Castaldo, MEP (Italy), Vice-President of the European Parliament

Malaysia

Hon. Kasthuri Patto, MP, PGA Board Member

Ukraine

Ms. Marina Bardyna, MP, Deputy-Chair, Committee on Foreign Policy and Inter- Parliamentary Cooperation

Jamaica

Hon. Angela Brown Burke, MP, Chairwoman of People's National Party

Intervention:

Ms. Oleksandra Matviychuk, Chairwoman of the Center for Civil Liberties (Ukraine)

Interactive discussion

Closing Remarks: The Way Forward

Dr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary General of Parliamentarians for Global Action (Moderator)