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CHALLENGES FOR THE ROME STATUTE SYSTEM & THE FIGHT AGAINST IMPUNITY

1) Amending the amendments on the crime of aggression and addressing the rights of its victims, including combatants who are not protected under war crimes and crimes against humanity

2) Reforming national nomination procedures for ICC judicial candidates so that the ICC can live up to its expectation of rendering justice to victims: are States ready to turn the Independent Experts' Review recommendations into a reality?

Introductory remarks

Sen. Boris Dittrich, Chairman, Standing Senate Committee on Internal Affairs; Board Member and Convenor, International Law & Human Rights Programme, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

I) Amending the amendments on the crime of aggression

Definition of the victims of the crime of aggression (including combatants who are lawfully targeted under International Humanitarian Law and who are not victims of war crimes)

Prof. Claus Kreß, Director, Institute of International Peace and Security Law, University of Cologne, Germany; Special Adviser for the Crime of Aggression to the ICC Prosecutor; Co-Chair, Committee on the Use of Force, International Law Association (ILA)

Trauma experienced by combatants who are tools of an aggressive war (armed forces of the aggressor) or who are fighting to resist an aggressive war (armed forces of the victim-State)

Dr. Yael Danieli, Founder, and Executive Director, International Center for the Study, Prevention and Treatment of Multigenerational Legacies of Trauma (ICMGLT)

The PGA proposal to amend the amendments: Where to go from here? Do we need to wait for the 2025 ASP?

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

Experiencing the Crime of Aggression in practice: Analyzing the crime of aggression perpetrated against the people and territories of Ukraine and its long-lasting implications for victims

Dr. Galyna Mykhailiuk, MP (Ukraine), Deputy-Head, Parliamentary Committee on Law Enforcement

II) Reforming national nomination procedures for ICC judicial candidates

State of play of the IER recommendations to improve the system of national nominations

Mr. Matúš Košuth, Legal Adviser and Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the UN; ASP Facilitator on Review of the procedure for the nomination and election of Judges (TBC)

Are States ready to turn the Independent Experts' Review (IER) recommendations into a reality?

Ms. Petra Benesová, Legal Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic (Chair, EU COJUR-ICC)

Can the Advisory Committee on Nominations of Judges draft guidelines on public, transparent, and merit-based procedures for national nominations before the end of 2022?

Open debate

Commentaries and interactive discussion

Dr. Deborah Ruiz Verduzco, Director, Coalition for the ICC (CICC)

