**PROGRAMME**

**Current Challenges for the International Criminal Court**

Informal debate for a High-Level Delegation of Visitors from Malaysia organised by Parliamentarians for Global Action and The Hague Institute for Global Justice in collaboration with the Visitors Programme of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Hague Institute for Global Justice, Sophialaan 10, The Hague

Wednesday, 5 December 2012, 9:30-11:30 am

The debate seeks to provide a forum of interaction with key representatives from states parties to the Rome Statute, in order to inform the views and eventual decisions on ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute of Malaysian representatives from the justice sector and from the parliament.

**Moderator**

Mr. Coskun Coruz, former Member of the Parliament of The Netherlands and Deputy-Convenor of the International Law and Human Rights Programme, Parliamentarians for Global Action

**During the debate, the following issues will be briefly introduced**

1. The Role and Strength of Assembly of States Parties
   Amb. Markus Boerlin, Ambassador of Switzerland to the Kingdom of The Netherlands, Vice-President of Assembly of States Parties

2. Operation of the Principle of Complementarity: The Practice of the ICC
   Mr. Rod Rastan, Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC

3. The Role of States Parties in ensuring Cooperation with the ICC
   Ambassador Anniken Rames Krutnes, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to the Kingdom of The Netherlands, Facilitator on Cooperation for The Hague Working Group of The Assembly of States Parties

4. The ICC and its Role to Protect Victims and Affected Communities
   Ambassador Ben Becher, Ambassador of Tunisia to the Kingdom of The Netherlands, Facilitator on Victims for The Hague Working Group of The Assembly of States Parties

5. The Kampala amendments including on the crime of Aggression
   Professor Niels Blokker, Professor of International Law at Leiden University and Deputy Head International Law Division, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

6. The Relationship between the ICC and the UN, specifically the SC
   Dr. Deborah Ruiz, Deputy-Director Parliamentarians for Global Action, The Hague

7. Closing Reflections on the Fundamental need for Universality of the Rome Statute and the Contributions of the ICC to Peace and Security
   Amb. Willy de Buick, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Kingdom of The Netherlands; former Representative of Belgium to NATO & Amb. Haifa Aissami, Madah, Ambassador of the Venezuela to the Kingdom of The Netherlands.