I. OBJECTIFS

- Build a multi-partisan support for the Plenary Recommendation on the Crime of Aggression
- Receive comments, feedback and questions from the MEPs and have an agreement on the text of the Recommendation on the Kampala Amendments that will be presented to the Plenary.
- Set the Plan of Action to have finalized and approved the Plenary Recommendation supporting the ratification of the crime of aggression amendment (via Party Presentation or collecting 40 signatures and making an oral question to the President of the Plenary).
- Work with all political parties to ensure that States ratify the Kampala Amendments, with the desired goal of reaching 30 ratifications by the end of 2015
- Engage with some Italian and Greek Parliamentarians in this effort since they have the presidency of the European Council. (Greece: 1 January – 30 June 2014; Italy: 1 July - 31 December 2014)
- Encourage countries to become part of the “early ratifiers” list
- Set and define the arguments to enable states to understand the importance of ratifying the crime of aggression amendments: a) promote peace and rule of law, b) protect human rights and prevent human suffering, c) close a loophole in the Rome Statute in conformity with the Nuremberg Principles and customary international law, d) protect one own State against aggression from other States, e) strengthen the legitimacy of the entire Rome Statute system and maximise its impact on peace in compliance with the UN Charter.
- Consider strategies concerning how to engage and involve major human rights NGOs that are still not on board in this campaign
- Consider activities and plans to promote the ratification of the Kampala Amendments using the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I (August 2014) (e.g. host an special event with focus on the necessity to end war and support the criminalisation of aggression by giving jurisdiction to the ICC through ratifications).

II. INVITED PARTICIPANTS

MEPs belonging to the informal group « Friends of the ICC »

MEPs belonging to the PGA Group in the European Parliament
III. AGENDA

8h00 Welcome remarks on behalf of the PGA Group in the European Parliament

Ms. Barbara Lochbihler, MEP-Greens (Germany), Chair, “Friends of the ICC” in the EP; Member, PGA

8h10 Introductory remarks to the draft Recommendation on the Crime of Aggression
Content of the Recommendation and procedural steps towards its EP Plenary adoption

Ms. Barbara Lochbihler, MEP-Greens (Germany), Chair, “Friends of the ICC” in the EP; Member PGA

Dr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary General of PGA

8h30 Open debate

Mr. Richard Howitt, MEP-S&D (UK), Head, EP Delegation to the Kampala Review Conference; Member of PGA

Ana Gomes, MEP-S&D (Portugal), Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Human Rights, Subcommittee on Security and Defence, EP; Member of PGA

Baroness Sarah Ludford, MEP- ALDE (UK), Member, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs; Member of PGA

Wolfgang Kreissl Dörfler, MEP- S&D (Germany), Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs, EP

9h15 Concluding comments setting the Plan of Action and adopting the final draft of the Recommendation on the Crime of Aggression

Dr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary General of PGA

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