



*Hosted by the Legislature of Liberia*

**Regional Roundtable Discussion on Implementation of the Rome  
Statute of the International Criminal Court**

*Joint Legislative Chamber, Capital Building - Monrovia, Liberia  
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The European Commission, European Union, the Governments of Belgium,  
The Netherlands and Switzerland*

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## **STATEMENT**

*We, Parliamentarians from Liberia, Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea and Sierra Leone, from countries that all have accepted the jurisdiction of the ICC*

1. Recognize the importance of the ICC as a means of preventing impunity for crimes of the most serious nature - genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes
2. Take note of the important principle of complementarity as included in the Rome Statute of the ICC which gives precedence to national legal systems in the investigation and prosecution of such crimes, except where national authorities are unwilling or unable to investigate or prosecute such crimes
3. Undertake, therefore, and as appropriate, to seek to put in place the necessary implementing legislation, including legislation on cooperation, to give effect to the Rome Statute of the ICC within our respective countries, without undue further delay
4. Agree to remain in contact with each other so that we may continue to share our respective and useful experiences, including any new steps or measures that we may take in this area
5. Note our interest in receiving any information that we may consider appropriate or useful in assisting us with progressing our respective implementing processes
6. Express our profound appreciation to the Legislature of Liberia and to PGA for organizing this Regional Roundtable Discussion on the Implementation of the Rome Statute of the ICC

*DONE in MONROVIA this 9th day of February, 2011*