



## Commemoration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

Monday 16 July 2018

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### Mock Trial (Dutch Supreme Court, Hoge Raad der Nederlanden)

Presided by

- H.E. Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji, President of the International Criminal Court

Lead Counsel:

- Professor Christine Chinkin
- Professor William Schabas

**16:00 – 18:00**

The mock trial is loosely inspired by the characters and story of Joseph Heller's classic novel *Catch 22*. The accused is a bombardier from the fictional state of Pianosa. He alleges he cannot be held criminally responsible because he acted with a mental disease or defect, under duress, and on superior orders; or, alternatively, out of military necessity.

*NB. The mock trial is intended for educational purposes on the subject of war crimes and international criminal law, through the medium of a staged performance. It is not a simulation of any ICC past, current or future proceedings.*

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**19:00 – 21:30**

**High-level dinner, by invitation only**

**Austrian Residence, Koninginnegracht 31, The Hague**

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## 08:15 – 09:20 Arrival and Registration

### Solemn hearing (Courtroom 1, International Criminal Court)

- H.E. Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji, President of the International Criminal Court
  - Keynote address: H.E. President Muhammadu Buhari, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- 09:30 – 10:30
- *Musical performance*
  - H.E. President O-Gon Kwon, President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute
  - H.E. Ms Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

## 10:30 – 10:50 Tea/coffee break

### Symposium, High-level segment (Conference Rooms 1&2)

*Theme: “Enduring Value of the Rome Statute to Humanity”*

The adoption of the Rome Statute in 1998 represented a “gift of hope to future generations”, in the words of former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Today, that promise endures. In this session, high-level representatives will expound on the lasting significance of the International Criminal Court and offer reflections on ways the international community can revitalize efforts to ensure accountability for the gravest crimes.

- Chair: H.E. President O-Gon Kwon, President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute
  - Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel
  - H.E. Mr. Motoo Noguchi, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims
  - Rt. Honourable Rebecca A. Kadaga, Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda
  - Honourable Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chauhury, MP, Speaker of the Bangladesh Parliament
- 10:50 – 13:00
- Honourable Isidore Mvouba, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Congo
  - Honourable Bénéwendé S. Sankara, Vice-President of the National Assembly of Burkina Faso
  - H.E. Léonard She Okitundu, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
  - H.E. Dr. Riad al Malki, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine
  - Honourable Manabu Horii, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan
  - H.E. Jonas Bering Liisberg, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Denmark
  - H.E. Guglielmo Picchi, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy
  - H.E. Dr. Abdul Bassar Anwar, Minister of Justice of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
  - H.E. Abubakar Malami, Minister of Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
  - H.E. Edgard Anicet Mboumbou Miyakou, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Gabon
  - H.E. Hamidou Younoussa Maiga, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Mali
  - H.E. Gocha Lordkipanidze, Deputy Minister of Justice of Georgia

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- H.E. Maikel Moreno, President of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
- H.E. Pavel Zeman, Supreme State Attorney of the Czech Republic
- Chief Charles Taku, President of the International Criminal Court Bar Association
- Mr Kenneth Roth, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch
- H.E. Mr Peter Lewis, Registrar of the International Criminal Court

**13:00 – 13:15**    **Tree-planting ceremony, by invitation only**

**13:00 – 14:15**    **Lunch offered at the International Criminal Court**

### Symposium: Afternoon segment (Conference Rooms 1&2)

- Welcoming remarks: H.E. President O-Gon Kwon, President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute
- Keynote speech: *“Past achievements, Future Challenges”*: H.E. Mr Sang-Hyun Song, former President of the International Criminal Court

#### Interactive Session 1: *“Impact of the Judicial Process”*

**14:15 – 16:00**    The ICC’s decisions resonate far beyond the courtroom, not only in terms of their contribution to the development of international criminal law. The Rome Statute system – which includes both the Court and the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) – aims to deliver justice for victims and communities affected by the gravest crimes. The Rome Statute also reverberates at the national level through the principle of complementarity.

Panellists will take a critical look at the results of the ICC’s judicial process, assess ways in which it may be enhanced, and explore opportunities to increase its impact.

- Moderator: H.E. Ms Brandusa Predescu, Ambassador of Romania to the Netherlands

Introductory remarks:

- Professor Mr Fausto Pocar, University of Milan
- Ms Laker Joyce Ocen, Trauma specialist from AVSI-Gulu, TFV partner
- Ms Lorraine Smith van Lin, REDRESS, former IBA

Open dialogue amongst panellists and the audience.

**16:00 – 16:30**    **Tea/coffee break**

### Symposium: Afternoon segment, cont’d (Conference Rooms 1&2)

#### Session 2: *“Broadening the Fight Against Impunity”*

**16:30 – 17:45**    As the ICC enters its next decade, it must continue to expand and deepen its work to ensure accountability for the most serious international crimes. Panellists will discuss next-generation approaches in the fight against impunity, including achieving universality of the Rome Statute and enhancing cooperation with and among States, while also touching on the entry into force of the Crime of Aggression.

- Moderator: H.E. Mr Philippe Lalliot, Ambassador of the French Republic to the Kingdom of the Netherlands



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Introductory remarks:

- Professor Mr Gerhard Hafner, University of Vienna
- Ms Evelyn Ankumah, Director Africa Legal Aid
- H.E. Mr Sergio Ugalde, Ambassador of the Republic of Costa Rica to the Netherlands

Open dialogue amongst panellists and the audience.

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### **Concluding remarks, summary of discussion**

*“The Rome Statute in 2038 – How do we get there?”*

**17:45 – 18:00**

H.E. Ms María Teresa Infante, Ambassador of the Republic of Chile to the Netherlands

To close the program, Ambassador Infante will draw together key points and themes from the preceding sessions, contemplate what the next 20 years may hold for the ICC, and consider the goals and challenges on the road to the Rome Statute in 2038.

### **Reception**

**18:00 – 19:00**

Following the formal programme, participants are invited to a reception with light refreshments and a musical performance by the Austrian saxophonist Mr Andreas Mader.