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**COALITION FOR THE ICC
PRESS BRIEFING AT 11TH ANNUAL ASP MEETING**

*NGOs to Present Key Issues at Stake; Assembly Will Have Significant
Impact on ICC Operations*

WHAT: The Coalition for the International Criminal Court—a global network of civil society organizations in 150 countries advocating for a fair, effective and independent International Criminal Court (ICC)—will brief members of the media on pressing issues to be debated at the upcoming session of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) to the Rome Statute of the ICC.

WHEN: Friday, 16 November 2012 at 11 a.m. CET

WHERE: Antarctica Room, World Forum Center, Churchillplein 10, The Hague, the Netherlands

WHO: Panel participants will include:

- ✦ **Dr. David Donat Cattin**, senior director, International Law and Human Rights Programme, Parliamentarians for Global Action, who will address key ICC-related issues to be discussed at the 11th ASP;
- ✦ **Ms. Elizabeth Evenson**, senior counsel, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch, who will assess the past 10 years of the ICC and discuss its challenges ahead;
- ✦ **Ms. Stella Ndirangu**, programme manager, The Kenyan Section of the International Commission of Jurists, who will address victims issues in advance of the upcoming Kenyan trials before the Court, and;
- ✦ **Justice Adel Maged**, vice-president at the Egyptian Court of Cassation, who will discuss Egypt's prospect of joining the ICC and the Court's perception in Middle

East and North Africa following the Arab Spring.

The panel will be moderated by Linda Gueye, head of communications for the Coalition for the ICC.

WHY: Beginning next week, representatives from each of the now 121 ICC states parties will gather in The Hague from 14 to 22 November 2012 for the 11th annual ASP. States parties will discuss and decide a number of critical issues central to the Court's operations, including the adoption of the Court's 2013 budget and the election of a new deputy prosecutor and members of the board of directors of the Trust Fund for Victims and members of the Advisory Committee on Nominations. NGOs hope the Assembly will also take positive action on key resolutions dealing with improving the ASP, the Court and its governance. The Coalition's press ASP 11 press release is available here: <http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=8758bcde31bc78a5c32ceee50&id=473ae1a1f3>

ASP 11 takes place in the 10th anniversary of the entry into force of the Rome Statute and the establishment of the ICC. A number of high-level events around The Hague will, in addition, mark the Court's 10th anniversary.

Each year, the ASP is a pivotal event for the more than 200 NGOs attending as observers. Through advocacy meetings, thematic hearings, regional lunches, position papers and a media briefing, the Coalition and its issue teams will seek to influence governments and Court officials on a wide range of issues to ensure that the Court functions in a fair, effective and independent manner. The Team papers are available on the Coalition ASP11 webpage <http://iccnw.org/?mod=asp11>.

We will provide short daily summaries via email of developments at the ASP as well as related documents and news coverage. You can subscribe to our **email updates** here: <http://www.iccnw.org/?mod=mailinglists&lang=en>

You can also follow us on **Twitter** (@_CICC) and **Facebook** (facebook.com/CoalitionfortheInternationalCriminalCourt) for the latest news from the Assembly. **We will be live-tweeting from the Assembly.**

Photos from the Assembly will be available on our Flickr page (flickr.com/photos/coalitionforicc) from next week.

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Note to journalists:

Journalists wishing to cover the session and related events must submit an official letter of assignment by fax to +31 (0)70 381 54 76 and the completed [accreditation form](#) to: asp@icc-cpi.int. Journalists already accredited with the ICC do not need to submit the accreditation form nor the letter, but are kindly requested to confirm their participation via email to: asp@icc-cpi.int. The application period for accreditation starts on Monday 5 November and closes on Monday 19 November at 16:00 hours CET. Press badges will be issued and handed out at the World Forum to journalists that have received

accreditation upon presentation of a passport or a valid ID with photo. No admittance will be allowed to any of the scheduled events without prior accreditation.