

CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL SEMINAR:
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC) AS THE CENTER OF THE NEW
INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

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The Participants of the Seminar representing non-governmental organizations, experts, and practitioners from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan with representatives of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee (NHC) and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC):

Supporting one of the main goals of the United Nations – ensuring the universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in the whole world – and, in connection, the fight against impunity for the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole;

Recognizing that such grave crimes threaten the peace, security and well-being of the world;

Supporting the Rome Statute, the founding treaty of the International Criminal Court, as an instrument to fight impunity by holding accountable individual perpetrators of grave crimes, namely genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity; and as the first independent permanent International Criminal Court that has jurisdiction over these crimes;

Noting that the ICC operates in accordance with the principle of complementarity, complementing national criminal jurisdictions;

Actively commit to:

- Promoting ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute of the ICC in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan;
- Working to maintain the integrity of the Rome Statute of the ICC;
- And ensuring that the ICC operates in a fair, effective and independent manner.

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