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**Recommendations of
the workshop on "Review Conference Conference of the Rome Statute"**

On May 17th 2010, the events of the Workshop on "**the Review Conference of the Rome Statute**", organized by the **Arab Center for Independence of the Judiciary and the Egyptian Coalition for the International Criminal Court**.

Many experts in the field of international law and international criminal law as well as Egyptian non-governmental organizations and many political actors and media participate in this workshop.

The participants recommended at the workshop, a number of recommendations calling on the international community as well as the Review Conference of the court, to be held in the period from May 31 to June 11, 2010 the city of Kampala, Uganda, to undertake the following:

- Call on Arab states to ratify and accede to the International Criminal Court.
- Call on the Arab Group participating in the Review Conference to coordinate efforts in order to support the role of the International Criminal Court.
- Call on participants in the Review Conference to amend the text of Article 124 of the Statute of the Court, which allows a new State Party to opt for excluding from

the Court's jurisdiction war crimes allegedly committed by its nationals or on its territory for a period of seven years.

- To seek an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice of the illegality of the immunization agreements entered into by with the United States of America with States.
- Seek to reduce the limits of the role given to the Security Council under the Statute of the Court to postpone the investigation or trial, and to assign this role to the International Criminal Court it self or the UN General Assembly.
- Make efforts to encourage all States to sign and ratify the relevant conventions Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court.
- The Review Conference should discuss ways to facilitate the international cooperation in issues related to the arrest of the accused, provisional release, as well as in the States to conclude supplementary agreements relating to the defense of the accused.
- The Review Conference should urge all States to include the criteria of fair trial set forth in the Rome Statute in national legislation of relevant countries.
- Urge the States during the general debate of the Conference on the importance of the role of the International Criminal Court in establishing the international criminal justice as a fair and impartial institution that respects the rights of victims and accused persons.

