



**PERMANENT MISSION**  
**OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN**  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
NEW YORK



Permanent Representation  
of the Kingdom of Belgium  
to the United Nations

New York, 13 July 2012

Excellency,

We are writing to you with respect to the General Assembly's High-level Meeting on the Rule of Law, to be held on 24 September 2012. In connection with that important meeting States will have the opportunity to make voluntary pledges underlining and reaffirming their commitment to the rule of law.

In this context, we would like to draw your attention to the two sets of amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court adopted by consensus at the Review Conference of the Rome Statute held in June 2010 in Kampala, Uganda ("The Kampala Amendments").

First, Article 8 of the Statute ("War Crimes") was amended to extend the prohibition of the use of certain weapons to armed conflicts not of an international character.<sup>1</sup>

Second, the Statute was amended to include new provisions defining the crime of aggression and setting out the conditions for the exercise of jurisdiction over this crime.<sup>2</sup>

The consensus reached at the Review Conference in Kampala on these two sets of amendments marks a cornerstone in the development of international criminal justice and the rule of law. We therefore encourage your Government to consider making a pledge on the occasion of the High-Level Meeting. Such a pledge could for example consist of a concrete promise to ratify the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court by a certain time, or more generally to consider ratification at the earliest possible convenience.

More details about the pledging process can be found at [www.unrol.org](http://www.unrol.org).<sup>3</sup> We would be pleased to provide you with additional information or assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Ambassador, Permanent Representative

**Jan Grauls**  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

<sup>1</sup> See Resolution RC/Res.5.

<sup>2</sup> See Resolution RC/Res.6.

<sup>3</sup> See the link to the High-Level Meeting, followed by a link to the pledging process.

*High-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels*

## Pledge registration form

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name(s) of State(s)) hereby pledges (max. 10 lines):

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(Note: Pledge should include specific dates)

Proposed implementation steps (in 2013 or if later, please specify - \_\_\_\_\_):

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→ **The Government of X pledges to [ratify / consider ratifying] the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court [by the year ... / as soon as possible]**

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**Pledging State:**

Contact information for responsible official(s):

Full name: .....

Title/organization: .....

Email: .....

Date: .....

Place: .....

Signature: .....

Additional contact information for person/service/institution in charge of follow-up:

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**Return Information:**

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