

COMMUNIQUE

The Sierra Leone Institute of International Law at the conclusion of its two days Consultative Seminar on the theme: **‘INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE – THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC)’** held in Freetown from the 22nd to 23rd March 2010 with Stakeholders; in the lead up to the ICC Review Conference scheduled to be held in Kampala, Uganda from 31st May to 10th June 2010 made the following recommendations for the consideration and action of Government:

- That Sierra Leone should be strongly represented at the ICC Review Conference on the Rome Statute slated for the 31st May-10th June 2010, in Kampala, Uganda to ensure our country’s continued leading role in international justice and the global fight against impunity.
- That Sierra Leone supports the inclusion of the crimes of Piracy, Terrorism and Offences involving the illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in Article 5 of the Rome Statute which enumerates the crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court.
- That Government’s delegation to the Review Conference should consist of people knowledgeable and au fait with the issues of international justice and Rome Statute and should be drawn from Parliament, Civil Society Groups, Academia and the Sierra Leone Institute of International Law.
- That Sierra Leone support an amendment to Article 86 of the Rome Statute so as to make it obligatory on none state parties to the Rome Statute to cooperate with the ICC in fulfilling its mandate under the Statute.
- That Government immediately embark on the completion of the process of domesticating the Rome Statute into our national laws by enacting the draft ICC Implementing Statute.
- The Consultative Seminar finally appeals to Government to settle all its outstanding dues to the ICC in fulfillment of Article 112 (8) so that Sierra Leone’s delegation can actively and effectively participate in the Review Conference.

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