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ASIL RESOURCES RELATED TO UPCOMING ICC REVIEW CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, DC –The American Society of International Law (ASIL) has created a Web page of various information resources related to the first International Criminal Court Review Conference, which can be accessed at www.asil.org/iccreview.

The outcome of the two-week-long Review Conference, taking place in Kampala, Uganda, May 31-June 11, could lay the groundwork for the future of the United States' relationship with the Court. The materials at www.asil.org/iccreview are meant to bring reporters, policymakers, and the general public up to speed on recent and current U.S. policy towards the Court as well as to explain what is at stake regarding that policy in the coming days.

Highlights of the Resource page include the following.

- An ASIL ICC Review Conference blog featuring regular postings during the Review Conference by ASIL member experts attending and monitoring the meeting;
- A transcript and online video of the May 14 ASIL event *U.S. Policy Toward the Upcoming International Criminal Court Review Conference* featuring the co-leaders of the U.S. delegation to the Review conference, **Stephen Rapp**, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues, and **Harold Koh**, U.S. State Department Legal Adviser, among others;

- Online access to the *ASIL webinar on the Upcoming International Criminal Court Review Conference*, in which **David Scheffer**, former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues, discusses U.S. policy toward the Review Conference. Scheffer also explores what has changed since he led the U.S. delegation in the negotiations that resulted in the adoption of the Rome Statute in 1998; and
- The 2009 report by ASIL's independent Task Force on U.S. Policy Towards the International Criminal Court, which recommends specific steps for amending the U.S. relationship with the Court. This Task Force was co-chaired by former Legal Advisor to the State Department and Deputy Secretary of Defense **William H. Taft, IV**, and former U.S. federal appellate and International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia Judge **Patricia M. Wald**.

For more details on the Society's ICC resources or to speak with an ASIL member expert, contact Sheila Ward, Director of Communications and Member Relations, at sward@asil.org or 1-202-939-6018.

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