

The role and integrity of the first Review Conference on the Statute of the International Criminal Court

A seminar organized in the series of the
Forum for International Criminal and Humanitarian Law¹

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PRIO, Hausmanns gate 7, Oslo*

The Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) provides that a first Review Conference to consider amendments to it shall be convened seven years after its entry into force on 1 July 2002. Later Review Conferences may be held at the request of a majority of the States Parties. The ICC Assembly of States Parties has decided that the first Review Conference will take place in Kampala, Uganda. It will commence on 31 May 2010. What can be discussed at this Conference? What are the likely key issues? Are there any risks to the integrity of the Conference? What regional impact can the Conference have in Africa? What should be the role of civil society at the Conference?

These are among the questions that will be addressed at this mini-seminar. Mr. Rolf Einar Fife will make a 45 minutes presentation on the topic. He is the Focal Point of the ICC Assembly of States Parties on the first Review Conference and the Co-ordinator of the Assembly's Working Group on the Review Conference. He has been one of the leading diplomats behind the creation and early development of the ICC. Mr. Gunnar M. Ekeløve-Slydal, Deputy Secretary-General of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee, will comment on Mr. Fife's intervention and present an NGO perspective on the first Review Conference. He has been an active civil society participant in the establishment of the ICC.

To register for this seminar, please send an e-mail message to ficjc@prio.no by 19 October 2009.

14:30 **Introduction**, Morten Bergsmo (Senior Researcher, PRIO).

14:35 ***The role and integrity of the first Review Conference on the Statute of the International Criminal Court***, by Rolf Einar Fife (Director-General, Legal Department, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

15:20 ***A civil society perspective*** by Gunnar M. Ekeløve-Slydal (Deputy Secretary-General, the Norwegian Helsinki Committee).

15:40 Discussion.

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