

**EXPERT CONFERENCE ON THE PROPOSED CREATION OF THE VICTIMS
AND DEFENCE OFFICES**

23-24 March 2015

ICC, The Hague, Netherlands

Monday, 23 March 2015

TIME		ACTIVITY
FROM	TO	
09:00	09:30	ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
09:30	10:00	WELCOME AND OPENING STATEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE REGISTRAR
10:00	12:00	<i>Session 1 - Group A: How to ensure that the neutral role of the Registry and the independent nature of legal representation of victims before the Court are both adequately preserved within a single Victims Office?</i>
		<i>Session 1 - Group B: How to ensure that the proposed new Defence Office will provide adequate administrative, logistical and financial support to the Defence?</i>
12:00	12:30	COFFEE BREAK
12:30	13:30	JOINT CONCLUSIONS BY THE MODERATORS AND DISCUSSION
13:30	14:30	LUNCH BREAK
14:30	16:30	<i>Session 2 - Group A: How to give shape to the relationship between the external Counsel and the proposed in-house legal team as well as other support structures within the Victims Office, including field support, with a view to ensuring the independence, effectiveness and high quality of legal representation of victims before the Court?</i>
		<i>Session 2 - Group B: How to ensure that Defence teams can count on adequate legal support as well as institutional knowledge on Defence issues?</i>
16:30	17:00	COFFEE BREAK
17:00	18:00	JOINT CONCLUSIONS BY THE MODERATORS AND DISCUSSION
18:00	20:00	<i>Reception for participants</i>

Tuesday, 24 March 2015

TIME		ACTIVITY
FROM	TO	
09:00	11:00	Joint session: <i>How to ensure the prompt establishment of an independent association of Counsel and how this association can strengthen the institutional representation of the collective interests of Counsel at the Court?</i>
11:00	11:30	COFFEE BREAK
11:30	12:30	CONCLUSIONS BY THE MODERATOR AND DISCUSSION
12:30	13:00	CLOSING REMARKS BY THE REGISTRAR