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**Statement by the Members of the Informal Ministerial Network for
the International Criminal Court:**

Activating the Court's jurisdiction over the Crime of Aggression in 2017

We, the Ministers of the Informal Ministerial Network for the International Criminal Court (ICC), welcome the 30 ratifications of the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression, which enables State Parties to activate the jurisdiction of the ICC over this crime after 1 January 2017. While not all of us are among the ratifying States, we acknowledge the importance of the decision we collectively took at the Kampala Review Conference in 2010. The crime of aggression completes the Rome Statute as conceived in 1998 and will ensure that perpetrators of the most serious forms of the illegal use of force can be held to account at the international level, for the first time since the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials. We therefore express our support for the Assembly of States Parties' work towards activating the ICC's jurisdiction over the crime of aggression after 1 January 2017 and look forward to a continuation of the successful ratification process.

Background: The Informal Ministerial Network for the ICC is comprised of over 30 Ministers from all regions of the world and is coordinated by the Foreign Minister of Liechtenstein.

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