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The unfinished business of the UN international criminal tribunals of the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda:

The future role of the EU and its member states

Draft conference agenda

2 April 2009, European Parliament, Brussels, ROOM 3G3

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00 – 10:00 INTRODUCTORY SESSION

Moderator: Karine Bonneau, Director, International Justice Programme, FIDH

Welcome (The organisers; MEP)

Introduction: The ICTY and ICTR: key challenges of completion and post-closure (Mr Patrick Robinson, President, ICTY)

The UN working group: progress with meeting key benchmarks and options for residual mechanisms currently under discussion (Ms Fanny Fontaine, Ministry of Justice, Belgium)

10:00-11:00 FIRST PANEL: RESIDUAL NEEDS AND ISSUES: THE PERSPECTIVES OF THE ICTY AND ICTR

Trying Mladic and Kabuga internationally and other international level residual prosecutorial and judicial needs and issues (Mr Murtaza Jaffer, Policy Coordinator/ Acting Special Assistant to the Prosecutor, ICTR; Ms Helge Elisabeth Zeitler, Legal Officer, Special Assistant to the President)

ICTY/ICTR Cooperation with national investigations and prosecutions (Mr Norman Farrell, Deputy Prosecutor, ICTY)

Discussion

11:00-11:30 Coffee break
11:30-12:20 SECOND PANEL: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA AND RWANDA ON NATIONAL-LEVEL PROSECUTIONS AND TRIALS

Moderator: Carla Ferstman, Director, REDRESS

Perspectives from the former Yugoslavia (Dzenana Deljkic, Senior Legal Officer, Lejla Fadilpasic, Head of the Legal department for the Appellate Division, State Court in Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Perspectives from Rwanda (TBC)

Discussion


Protecting and supporting victims and witnesses of the ICTY: a civil-society- perspective (Ms Natasa Kandic, Founder of Humanitarian Law Centre)

Protecting and supporting victims and witnesses of the ICTR: perspective from the ICTR (Mr Roland Adjovi, Senior Legal Officer, Legacy Committee, ICTR)

Residual issues and the long-term legacy of the ICTY and ICTR (Mr Gabriël Oosthuizen, Executive Director, International Criminal Law Services (ICLS))

Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00 FOURTH PANEL: PERSPECTIVES FROM EU MEMBER STATES

Moderator: Mr Hakan Friman, Ministry of Justice, Sweden

Lessons learned: The European Union’s past support of the ICTY and ICTR (Hans Holthuis, former Registrar, ICTY)

What ICTR and ICTY can do to support EU members in responding to extradition requests from Rwanda and former Yugoslavia (Ms Chantal Joubert, Ministry of Justice, The Netherlands)

Prosecution in lieu of Extradition – What the ICTR and ICTY can do to support universal jurisdiction proceedings (Gérard Dive, Head of International Humanitarian Law Unit, Ministry of Justice, Belgium)

The EU and ICTY/ICTR: cooperation and support (TBC)

Discussion

16:00 Conclusions (Carla Ferstman, Director, REDRESS)