15th meeting of the Network for investigation and prosecution of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes

DRAFT AGENDA
The Hague, 29-30 October 2013
Chair of the meeting: Mr Tomas Krušna, Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Lithuania

DAY 1 — 29 OCTOBER 2013

09:00 – 09:30  Registration

09:30 – 09:40  Welcoming Remarks
Mr Tomas Krušna, Chair of the Meeting
Ms Michèle Coninx, President of Eurojust

09:40 – 10:00  Accession of Croatia – experiences in prosecuting serious international crimes
Ms Davorka Čolak, State Attorneys Office of the Republic of Croatia

09:45 – 11:15  The United Nations' guiding principles on business and human rights – ending impunity for serious international crimes
Prof. Michael Addo, University of Exeter, Member of the UN Working Group on human rights and transnational corporations (via videoconference)

10:00 – 10:30  Establishing a network of specialized prosecutors in Africa – activities of the African Union
Mr Fafre Camara, Legal Officer, Office of Legal Counsel, African Union Commission

10:30 – 10:45  Coffee and knowledge sharing

10:45 – 16:00  Criminal responsibility of corporations and business persons for serious international crimes

11:15 – 11:45  Modes of corporate complicity and types of crimes committed
Prof. James Stewart, Global Hauser Fellow, NYU Law School
11:45 – 12:15  Criminal prosecution of multinational corporations – is it possible?  
Ms Andie Lambe, Freelance Consultant – Formerly Head of International Justice, Global Witness

12:15 – 12:45  Overview of EU member states national legislation in relation to criminal responsibility of legal persons  
Ms Lynn Verrydt, Academic Assistant, Ghent University

12:45 – 13:45  Lunch

13:45 – 14:15  Some thoughts on ways to overcome difficulties in prosecuting corporations  
Mr Carlos Lopez, Senior Legal Advisor, International Commission of Jurists

14:15 – 14:45  Dutch experiences in prosecuting corporations and business persons for serious international crimes  
Mr Maarten van der Vlugt, Special Legal Officer, Netherlands National Prosecutor’s Office

14:45 – 15:30  National experiences, including challenges and good practices, in prosecuting corporations and business persons for serious international crimes  
Interventions by contact points and discussion

15:30 – 15:50  Coffee and knowledge sharing

15:50 – 16:15  Initiative for improved EU engagement on the fight against impunity in the field of Justice and Home Affairs  
Ms Tara O’Leary, Redress

16:15 – 16:30  Update on the Initiative for a new treaty on international cooperation for domestic prosecution of the most serious international crimes  
Ms Quirien van Straelen Ministry of Justice, the Netherlands  
Mr Gerard Dive, Ministry of Justice, Belgium

16:30 – 16:45  Information on development of Justice Rapid Response  
Ms Chantal Joubert, Complementarity Coordinator, Justice Rapid Response

16:45 – 17:05  Investigating synergies between Eurojust and the Network  
Mr Alfredo Garcia Miravete, Head of Operational Support, Eurojust

17:05 – 17:20  Administrative issues  
Mr Matevz Pezdir, Genocide Network Secretariat
Discussion time is foreseen within each presentation.

18:45  Transfer to the restaurant
19:15  Dinner offered by the Network’s Secretariat

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DAY 2 — 30 OCTOBER 2013

09:15 - 15:30  Exchange of experiences from Member States cases (CLOSED SESSION FOR CONTACT POINTS)

Tour de Table where all contact points are invited to intervene on:
- Overview of investigations
- Cases and/or presentation of specific issues by contact points

Discussion

10:30 - 10:45  Coffee Break
12:30 - 13:30  Buffet lunch
15:15 - 15:30  Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:15  Conclusions

Working in the Network: assembling a pool of agenda items

Discussion on and adoption of the 15th Genocide Network Meeting

Conclusions

16:15 – 16:30  Closing remarks by the chair of the meeting

16:45  Shuttle service to Schiphol Airport

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