

High-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels

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Switzerland hereby pledges:

In the coming five years, Switzerland pledges to continue providing its assistance in the field of transitional justice (e.g. training, counseling, facilitation of access to best practices and lessons learnt) to requesting States. The assistance is aimed at strengthening national initiatives in the field of transitional justice in order to give full effect to the right to truth, right to justice, right to reparations and guarantees of non-recurrence.

Proposed implementation steps:

→ Switzerland organizes since 2010 an advanced course for Dealing with the Past for senior government and professional actors in charge of such process. Switzerland will continue to provide this course in 2013 until 2015 and might offer it also at a regional level.

Pledging State: Switzerland

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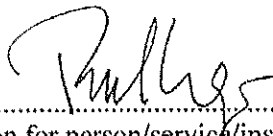
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Switzerland hereby pledges:

Until 2015, Switzerland pledges together with concerned States to organize a continuous reflection, through working seminars (or other means), with concerned States aimed at developing a common understanding of, and approaches to, Rule of Law and transitional justice: strengthening justice, security and development in fragile or post conflict contexts.

Proposed implementation steps:

→ Switzerland will co-organize a next meeting in the first semester of 2013 with another interested State.

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Switzerland hereby pledges:

Subject to approval of parliament, the Government of Switzerland pledges to ratify the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court as soon as possible.

Proposed implementation steps:

- The ratification bill (and the accompanying documents) will be prepared and discussed by a working group of the Federal Administration.
- The ratification bill will be presented to cantons, parties and civil society with a possibility to submit feedback by 2014.
- The ratification bill will be submitted to Parliament for approval by 2014.

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Switzerland hereby pledges:

Until 2015 Switzerland pledges to support the intergovernmental entity Justice Rapid Response (JRR) based in Geneva by providing it with seconded personnel, funds and experts, that can rapidly be deployed at the request of the international community to investigate, analyze and report on situations where serious violations of human rights law, international humanitarian law or international criminal law have been committed.

Proposed implementation steps:

- In 2012, Switzerland funded the office furniture of the newly established JRR-secretariat in Geneva.
- Since June 2012, Switzerland funds the rent for the JRR-secretariat in Geneva and pledges to continue to fund it until 2015.
- Since June 2012, Switzerland seconds a program officer as well as an intern to the JRR-Secretariat and pledges to continue these secondments until 2015.
- Switzerland has currently seven experts in the JRR-roster and will – upon request – second them for new fact-finding or investigation missions of the JRR.
- Switzerland intends to train further experts in the years to come in order to broaden the available expertise in the JRR-roster.
- Switzerland will provide scholarships for the training of non-Swiss experts to become member of the JRR-roster.

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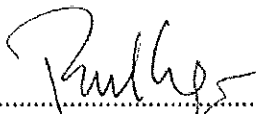
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Switzerland hereby pledges:

Switzerland pledges to organize -- in co-operation with the ICRC -- a "Montreux+5" conference on private military and security companies towards the end of 2013 in order to take stock and to address challenges in implementing pertinent international legal obligations.

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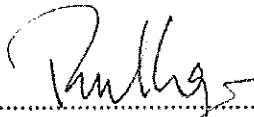
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Switzerland, together with Argentina, Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Greece, Norway, Slovenia and Uruguay, pledges to contribute to efforts made at the national, regional and international levels to promote truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence and in particular to lend their support to the work of the Special Rapporteur created by the Human Rights Council to deal with these questions.

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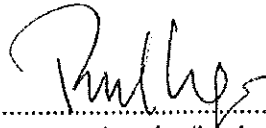
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Switzerland, Argentina and Tanzania pledge, within their efforts to strengthen regional atrocity prevention mechanisms and effective Terms of Reference of the focal points on prevention of atrocities, to systematically include the strengthening of the Rule of Law as a central pillar for prevention in their forthcoming activities.

Proposed implementation steps:

- Since 2008, Switzerland has worked to realize regional forum on the prevention of genocide with Argentina (Buenos Aires 2008), with Argentina and Tanzania (Arzusha 2009) and with these two states in Switzerland (Bern, 2010).
- The next forum on prevention of genocide in Asia will be held in the first semester
- The program of these fora integrates the RoL and accountability as central aspects of the guarantee of non-recurrence and generally of prevention.
- Furthermore, Switzerland promotes the nomination of focal points on prevention of atrocities that include the strengthening of RoL in their mandate.

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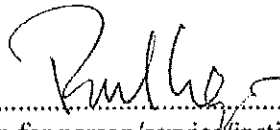
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Switzerland, with the support of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, will work with the United Nations Secretariat on the preparation by the end of 2014 of a publication to assist States wishing to recognize as compulsory the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), including:

- examples of declarations recognizing as compulsory the jurisdiction of the ICJ (including possible reservations);
- examples of treaty provisions for the submission of classes of disputes to the ICJ; and
- examples of special agreements for the submission of particular disputes to the ICJ.

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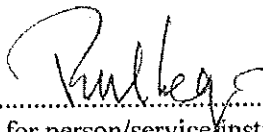
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Switzerland, jointly with the other like-minded States on targeted sanctions, hereby pledges to submit by the end of this year and by 2014 to the UN Security Council suggestions on ways to strengthen the UN sanctions system by further improving fair and clear procedures, especially with regard to enhancing the scope and mandate of the Ombudsperson procedure.

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