

Frontiers of International Criminal Law and Justice

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A side-event (with lunch) to the 24th Session of the ICC Assembly of States Parties, convened by the Centre for International Law Research and Policy (CILRAP), sponsored by Korea, Norway and Sweden, co-sponsored by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), Stockholm Centre for International Law and Justice, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Human Rights Law Centre (University of Nottingham), Institute for International Peace and Security Law of the University of Cologne, Coalition for International Criminal Justice (CICJ), European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights, and the Norwegian Helsinki Committee (NHC).

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