

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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Thank you kindly, Madam Chair.

Norway is very pleased to co-sponsor this side-event, together with Korea, Sweden, the European Anti-Fraud Office, and prominent academic and civil society organizations.

Norway welcomes the launch of [Lexsitus 3.0](#) today. We made the first financial contribution for the original technical development of Lexsitus, later supplemented by contributions from the International Nuremberg Principles Academy, North-American foundations, and others. My Ministry subsequently contributed towards the completion of both Arabic Lexsitus and the first phase of Persian Lexsitus.

It is therefore very reassuring to see the seriousness and determination with which the Lexsitus Team has continued the development work, making today's release of Lexsitus 3.0. possible. As the new leaflet made available in the room explains, the "Lexsitus taxonomy and contents are curated and quality-assured by *legal professionals* rather than generated automatically. Combined with comprehensive metadata, clear provenance information, and intuitive visual navigation, this approach ensures robust standards of *transparency and reliability*". These are qualities that we are confident lawyers and law students will increasingly value over the coming years.

Norway also welcomes the segment on quality-control in fraud and corruption investigations. We have been a financial contributor to CILRAP's [Quality Control Project](#) and its earlier volumes on quality-control in documentation, preliminary examination, and criminal investigation of war crimes. We are pleased to see that the project has expanded to include fraud and corruption, as the contours of a process to draft a statute for an International Anti-Corruption Court may be emerging.

Madam Chair, these are indeed hopeful frontiers of the broadening field of international criminal law and justice, so we are very pleased to co-sponsor this event.

Thank you.